Papayas as the fruit of the angels. The fruit which is extremely rich in Vitamin C has a wide range of health benefits making it a great fruit option to include in your diet. Here are some of the top health benefits of papaya.

1. Lowers cholesterol: Papaya is rich in fibre, Vitamin C and antioxidants which prevent cholesterol build up in your arteries. Too much cholesterol build-up can lead to several heart diseases including heart attack and hypertension.

2. Helps in weight loss: Those looking to lose weight must include papaya in their diet as it is very low in calories. The fibre content in papaya leaves you feeling full and also clears your bowel movement making your weight loss regime easier.

3. Boosts your immunity: Your immunity system acts as a shield against various infections that can make you really sick. A single papaya contains more than 200% of your daily requirement of Vitamin C, making it great for your immunity.

4. Good for diabetics: Papaya is an excellent food option for diabetics as it has a low-sugar content even though it is sweet to taste. Also, people who don’t have diabetes can eat papaya to prevent it from happening.

5. Great for your eyes: Papaya is rich in Vitamin A which helps protect your vision from degenerating. Nobody wants to lose their ability to see due to diseases like age-related macular degeneration, and eating papayas will ensure that you do not see a day where you cannot see.

6. Protects against arthritis: Arthritis can be a really debilitating disease and people who have it may find their quality of life reduced significantly. Eating papayas are good for your bones as they have anti-inflammatory properties along with Vitamin C which helps in keeping various forms of arthritis at bay. A study published in Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases showed that people who consumed foods low in Vitamin C were three times more likely to have arthritis than those who didn’t.

7. Improves digestion: In today’s times, it is near impossible to avoid eating foods that are bad for your digestive system. Often we find ourselves eating junk food or restaurant food prepared in excessive quantities of oil. Eating a papaya daily can make up for such occasional mistakes, as it has a digestive enzyme known as papain along with fibre which helps improve your digestive health.

8. Helps ease menstrual pain: Women who are experiencing menstrual pain should help themselves to several servings of papaya, as an enzyme called papain helps in regulating and easing flow during menstrual periods.

9. Prevents signs of ageing: All of us would love to stay young forever, but no one in this world has managed to do it. Still, healthy habits like eating a papaya daily will prolong the process and may make you look 5 years younger than you are. Papaya is rich in Vitamin C, Vitamin E and antioxidants like beta-carotene which helps prevent your skin from free radical damage keeping wrinkles and other signs of ageing at bay.

10. Prevents cancer: Papaya is a rich source of antioxidants, phytonutrients and flavonoids that prevent your cells from undergoing free radical damage. Some studies have also linked the consumption papaya to reduced risk of colon and prostate cancer.

11. Helps reduce stress: After working hard for the whole day, it is a good idea to come home to a plate a papaya. The wonder fruit is rich in several nutrients like Vitamin C which can keep you free from stress. According to a study conducted in University of Alabama, found that 200 mg of Vitamin C can help regulate the flow of stress hormones in rats.
Reh: Significance of Socio-Cultural and Religious Aspects of Idu Mishmi

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Mythology of Reh:
As per the myth of the Idu Mishmi, a slave named Apiju (Appo) was the person who has performed the Reh for the first time. The story goes that one day Apiju, the slave of Inyime-Menga-ah, was in the cultivation field to look after the crops; a group of people belonging to Inyi-Ambribirru clan were returning after a hunting expedition from the north direction, a place is called "Zahili-Awro". When Apiju's enquiry he was told about a place where a bird called Etosi-Briyee, fly all the time.

When Apiju went to the place where he found the leftover meat of a snake called Beka. Soon he started chopping the head of the snake and suddenly he found a glittering object called Pidi (diamond). Thereafter Apiju brought back the Pidi secretly and hide it in his home. Later, his house caught fire for several times. Thereafter Apiju hide the Pidi in different trees called, Etombo, Asombo, Irumbo etc; but all these trees also got burnt down. Finally he buried the Pidi beneath a boulder. After that most of the time, he was ill.

Asi Anjowru, the predictor (wussayiya) who was consulted to predict his sufferings. Ultimately Asii Anjowru had predicted the cause of his sufferings. The cause was the hiding of the Pidi (Diamond). The Asi Anjowru suggested for sacrifice of some animals. He also suggested for purifying the animals before killing. Aji Jiwru another priest volunteered to act as priest to purify all the animals to be sacrificed in the Reh. After coming to know that "Aji Jiwru" has been invited as a priest instead of him, then "Sinewru" a powerful (priest) took away the soul of Apiju and hide it in a strange land of snakes called "Aju Diwe, Apru Diwe". After that "Elokhruwru" attempted a trick by making snake from the trees of Ilumbo, Amumbo, through which the soul of Apiju was recollected from the land of snakes. Apiju Menga the slave of Inyime Menga, who performed Reh had no relatives of his own so offered "Emata (special gift) and "Yuh" (rice beer) to the trees called Achumbo, Engambo etc; humour. After observing this mock Reh performed by Apiju, Inyime Menga, the individual Reh host called Apalli-Milli, man and women of the host during the day of Reh) started performing the Reh, practically in a systematic manner by inviting all the relatives whom he offered Emeta, Yuh etc. by sacrificing sufficient numbers of Mithun and Pig. In that way the Reh has been origin through different stages in Idu Mishmi mythology. This system of Reh celebration has been continuing till today by the Kera-aas.

Adda:
In Idu Mishmi society any male member after his marriage is expected to start the process of Adda. The meaning of Adda is offering loan or advanced either in case or in kinds to a person who is performing Reh. These kinds may be of the following items:
a) Mithun b) Pig c) Yu d) Dry fish, Dry rat(wild), e) Rice f) Millet g) Salt and chilly

The Adda word is applicable to only when a person is giving loan that is planning to celebrate Reh in near future. Normally, an eligible person after his marriage is encouraged by friends and elders to start the process of Adda. All Addas either in kind or cash is recorded immediately by Agiro-Thrayiga on behalf of
Menga, presents received from female relatives are also recorded by some person. Adda–gi i.e. loans received in kinds is recorded separately for separate items. In case of measurement of dry fish, dried rat (wild) and Yu, the size of basket is counted. For rice and millet, number and size of the container is taken into account. So far as mithuns and pigs are concerned, its size and age is considered as below:

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The size and stage counting for Pigs is as follows:

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<td>Asoyu</td>
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If the loan is in the form of Mithun and Pig, the Menga (the host) is called to see him the size and stage and after that it is recorded in the credit paper by Agiteya and Adaya thrayiga. Everything had to be recorded properly, as all the Adda or loan has to be repaid in same kind. The number of Adaya and Agiteya are also recorded in a traditional manner in Tayi (rope), separately by tightening knots serially.

In case of death of a person who received Addagi, the surviving widow and children are responsible to return the entire loan. If the widow is engaged or remarried with the brother of the late husband, then he is responsible for repayment. It is to be noted that the Adda given in Reh cannot be repaid in normal times except when he performs Reh or when he starts the process of Addasse by asking to pay back the dues when he is unable to perform Reh.

**Duration of Adda:**

The time period for Adda is not fixed but it is expected that one should not delay the process of Adda for a long period. Normally it takes 3-4 years, because sufficient number of Pigs, food items and cash has to be given to others in advance. All the required items should be given to the others as Adda advance within the period of these years, after offering sufficient number of pigs and other required items to others then only one starts the process of Reh.

**Eliprochu/Sa-prochu/Etowru-Etopo:**

When a person starts the process of Adda he will atleast keep one Mithun as Sa-prochu and Eliprochu (Pig) and two numbers of Eto-la (cock) as Etowru and Etopo. In addition to this he can keep as many as mithuns, pigs and cocks as per his capacity.

**Hathru:**

If one decides to perform a Reh within a year, he makes a celebration by performing a Hathru where at least one Mithun and one Pig are sacrificed. However, it is not compulsory for all to perform Hathru.

**Mranno-Che:**

When a person declares that he will perform Reh within a year, he starts cleaning jungles for cultivation, which is called Mranno-che. The production of this cultivation is exclusively utilized during the Reh. All the villagers are obliged to help the performer in all these activities.

**Regusi:**

It is a very important part as because the Igu (priest) narrates the whole story behind the Reh celebration. As such, Igu is the pivotal and exponent of the Idu-Mish-
mi culture. The choice of the Igu for Reh is exclusively decided by the Menga himself. But the demands will come from many. However there is a system of regusi from the non Igu also. If the Menga offers the contracts of Regusi to a non Igu, then the choice of Igu is done by that person after consultation with Menga. Generally, when the contract of Regusi is offered to either a non Igu or Igu, they will have to offer a mithun or a pig and a huge amount as Adda or loan to Menga which is called Regusi-ne. The fees for Igu or priest is generally offered with a pig. If there are two persons including the non Igu who has taken the contract of Regusi? The menga will have to offer two numbers of Pigs, one each to them. The non Igu person, who has taken the contract of Regusi, must also observe certain taboos along with Igu.

Ada-Seeh:

The meaning of Ada-seeh is asking for returning the cash or kinds given to others as Adda. Before performing Reh if a person dies, then the widow or their children will ask for returning the entire loan given by their late husband or father, Ada-seeh is also asked by someone who realizes after giving some advance that he is not capable enough to perform Reh. In such cases he is looked down in the society.

Hawe-Anji:

After harvesting, paddy, millet, maize are placed in the open place for sub-burn for 2-3 days. On completion of all this, the women folk of the village are informed or invited on a particular date for husking paddy, grinding rice, etc. which is called Hawe-anji. It is called Hawe-anji because all the food items prepared is exclusively consumption for Reh.

Yu-Aphi:

This is a part of process for Reh where the real and final preparation for Reh starts. One of the most important items for Reh is prepared on this day i.e. Yu. Different items of Yu like Yu-nty, Yuyu, and Yu-nu, Yu-away are all prepared on this day. As such it is called Yu-phi or Yu-nty-phi, the meaning in English would be burning of rice beer. One Mithun and a Pig are sacrificed on this day to entertain the villagers. In addition to this dry fish, dry rat (wild) mixed with boiled rice called Akuki-ri would be served to all women. It can be called a mini Reh. The peculiarity of this ritual is that most of all women are prepared by men folk otherwise in normal times Yu is prepared by women. All the participants of Yu preparation has to observed certain taboos as some items of Yu is considered as sacred, out of which some quantity of Yu will be offered to deities. After this ritual all the people outside the village will also come to know regarding his preparedness for Reh. Normally, it is observed for 1-2 months ahead of the final Reh.

Taboo-Angee:

After preparation of Yu-phi, the Menga has to observe certain taboos like not to take food or drink in the house where wild animal is killed.

Igu-Naya:

Igu also starts dance programme for Reh (Naya) in his house after hearing about the Yu-phi. In a short, after Yu-phi, Igu and also men and material are mobilized for the Reh.

Sah Yoh or Maji-Yoh:

In addition to Mithuns those are already in his possession, Menga deputes a trusted person expert in trading, to purchase Mithun within his budget from nearby village area. After returning of this particular person with Mithuns, the Menga fix up the date for Reh.

Tayi-Yah/Invitation:

The invitation for Reh is sent to all his relatives and also to those persons whom Menga has given Adda through a Tayi, i.e. a rope of anjomblo tree bark, having number of knots depending on the number of days fixed for the purpose. Normally, Tayi is distributed 10-20 days before the start of the Reh so as to reach the distant places in time. As the countdown starts, one knot is cut off on each. Last two knots represent the starting of Reh.
As the Reh is celebrated once in a life time sending invitation with a knotted rope, carries a very significant meaning.

**Adah-Soh:**

This is an occasion when the bamboo chang is constructed in front of the house joining the veranda or porch. All invitees and guests are received at the chang in their initial arrival, where gifts are received and recorded...

Besides the chang, a Sah-Aka is constructed in the corner of the chang to store meat. This construction is generally done in 5-6 days before the start of the Reh. A feast is arranged to entertain the whole village on this occasion. In the late night of this day a special rice beer called Yu-angi is prepared either by Appa or the mother of the Menga. The Yu-angi is separately prepared and taken only by the members of Igu and the Menga. The day after the construction all villagers come forward daily and help in collection of fire wood, leafs and bamboos, chungas, green vegetables and other items required be storing / keeping in readiness for use during the Reh.

Separate site called Sah-Arupo and Eli-Muko are also constructed for the sacrificed of Mithun and Pigs respectively. Though one individual performs the Reh, all invitees and guests attending the celebration are treated as guest of the entire village. And an elderly woman is entrusted by Menga to look after the food items meant for women folk and distribution. She is in turn rewarded with dried fish, rice and self for her service after the festival.

**Andropu (First day):**

The first day of the Reh celebration is called Andropu as because Igu starts the puja with ritual items like laroti, meye-aji, andropu, andro-nya etc. on this day Igu arrives first and starts the rituals for the well being of all guest, traditionally called as Meye-aji. After this, all invitees and guest arrived in batches from different distant places. On the arrival they are greeted by the host and villagers by shouting ‘Meye-bo’ in chorus for 2-3 times. Guests initially climbed to the chang before entering the house and they are offered with Yu-chunga. During this time, presents either in cash or in kinds as Agite from female relatives are received. Some returns their dues and yet some other offers loans that the Menga. All gifts, Adayi-ga and loans returned are recorded immediately by Agiio-thrayiga. Besides, it is also recorded by tying knots to the rope which is later put on the jaw of pig sacrificed ritually in the form of Illi-Ayu. In the evening all guest are entertained with Yu/food/meat etc. in the late night there will be a dance competition where everyone including non Igu also takes part and enjoyed with humour.

**Eyanyeei:**

The second day of the Reh is called Eyanyeei. All Mithuns are sacrificed on this day in the early morning, except one which is kept separately for Aru-ha i.e., feasting with villagers only. Before sacrificing the Mithun there is a ritual for purifying the animals by Igu which is called Sha-Aji. After this ritual the animal will be properly tied in the neck as well as the horn with a rope especially made for this purpose called Sha-Aru and Sha-Apranyeete. After tightening properly the animal will be brought to the sacrificial place called Sha-Arupo one by one and sacrificed with dao by experts. After killing all the Mithuns, it will be cut into pieces. The pieces of the meat shall be divided for the day’s food and also for the consumption of the remaining days, which will be kept in the Sha-Aka (Stored in a Chang). All the chopped off heads of the animals will be distributed among the cousins by the Menga himself. An item of Mithun meat called Sha-isi will be offered to Igu. A special item of Mithun intestine and stomach called Sha-khipuhi will be prepared on this day. The intestine and stomach of Mithun will be cut into small pieces and it will mixed with millet, salt and chilly which will be packed in leaves called Ikhu-na and distributed among the elders by Menga himself as a token of love and respect. After pre-
paring these items a group of young boys and girls will go to every house carrying the meat in basket for distribution which is called Meye-aroro, Andaro i.e. collection of live Pigs from other houses by young boys. After gathering all the live Pigs, the Manga will separate two live Pigs, one as Ili-ayu and another as Ili-amra. Now Menga will start giving presents to his maternal uncle and father-in-law or brother-in-law with live Pigs which is called Ili-androto-wroha. The giving of presents of the live Pigs will begin serially from Igu. After this the Menga will continue giving presents to all the relatives of his wife including her parents with cash. A few numbers of Pigs will be killed with bamboo sharps. The skeletal parts of the killed Pigs will be distributed to each relative of the wife and maternal uncle who is called Ili-itrungu-ha, in the evening some quantity of the rice and rice beer is also offered in addition to it. Also the meat of the pig will be cooked with rice and distributed among them. It is considered as one of the most important items of the Reh.it is like a sacred or holy item. After consuming this one is bound to maintain the relationship with Menga forever. Igu will be busy in narrating about the story of the origin of the Mithun starting from Sa-assithru, Sa-aji, Sa-iyu-athu, Sa-acha, Sa-mra-athu, Sa-rula etc in the late night there will be dance competition among the guests. In this occasion everyone including the non-Igus takes part.

Einyei: The entire village will arrive in the early morning in the Reh-ko to prepared food and meat as most of the Meye or Karu (Guests) will depart on this day. This is the third day of the Reh celebration. Maximum number of Pigs including Illi-prochu will be sacrificed on this day. All the heads of the sacrificed pigs will be kept separately and will be distributed among the cousins (Aduh allombo) by the Menga. A special meat item called Ili-iyu-mene with intestine and blood of pork will be mixed with boiled rice and served as breakfast. There is a practice of giving and receiving presents in Reh celebration. The female relative of Menga who offers gifts to Menga either in cash or kinds is called Agite. As a mark of respect, Menga will in return offers gifts to them in the form of bundles of dry fish and dry rat (wild) called Agiro. Early breakfast and Agiro is given before the guests depart. The bundles of Agiro are distributed by the young boys headed by Agiteya-thrayiga. In the evening after the departure of the entire guest, there will be an early dinner. Igu will continue the following rituals;
1.) Laro-mitu-ajo 2) Yu-yu-su 3) Amra-seh 4) Alimbru 5) Amra-nya 6) Adeko etc for Adeko ritual another Igu is hired or engaged.

Aruw-Goh: This is the fourth day of the festival. On this day one Mithun kept separately will be sacrificed to entertain the villagers only besides one Mithunn, a Pig kept separately for some ritual purposes is called Eli-ayu will also be sacrificed on this day. Igu will continue with the following rituals;
1) Ipu-Nya 2) Hala-Nya 3) Apo-Nya 4) Iwau-Nya 5) Ananji 6) Ade etc for Aponya ritual, a local bamboo called Abrato is being collected by Menga. The branch and leaves of the lower part of the bamboo will be cleaned and it will be carried by Igu and his party while dancing. After this ritual a cock especially kept for this purpose is called Atopoh will be cut off from the head and the head will be kept and pierced in the pointed bamboo (Ipatro) dance around it. While Igu continue dancing, the Menga will immediately make bamboo ropes which will be tied in the wrist if all the members of the house as a mark to keep away the khinu (evil spirit). A small quantity of pork meat and Yuh will be served among male members and dried fish and rat called Akukiyi will be served among the female
members of the house. After completing dance ritual some quantity of Yuh will be poured into the ear of the Pig (Eli-Amra-Nuya) by Igu. Having all this rituals completed the Pig is carried away for sacrifice. The major portion of the meat is offered to the priest who performed when two males are dressed like a couple and demonstrate the sexual act and Igu dance mockingly causing a lot of entertainment and laughter. A black paste made of the charcoal mixed with the fat of the pork is applied to all the members present except the members of the house and the Igu and his party. This ceremony is performed to appease the god Appessa to grant prosperity and bumper crops.

Etonu-Che:

Etonu-che is the concluding day of the festival. Fowls are sacrificed in the morning. If the fowls are sufficiently available then all the members of the house should sacrificed otherwise the women in charge of each granary and the Menga will sacrificed one each. The procedure for sacrificing fowl is that the neck of the fowl is cut off in one stroke and then the fowl will be let loose to crawl around before it dies. If the fowl dies near the main pillar post of the house where the blood of the killed animal is pasted then it indicates that in near future the Menga or any male member of the house will be able to kill wild animals. In case of the fowl dies near the husking place it is considered that there will be a bumper crops in the next harvesting time. The main reason behind the ritual of Etonu-che is to appease the god Appessa to bestow a bumper crop. The chicken will be cut into small pieces and fried with boiled rice which is called Etonu-kewa-awahi.

It will pack in leaves and distributed in the entire village. Igu also departed on this day. With this, the Reh celebration comes to an end. Another 5-10 days taboo is observed by Menga and his entire family members

Conclusion:

Since immemorial time, the Reh has been observed at an individual level in order to achieve prosperity of his kith and kins with earning name and fame in the society. Earlier the system of celebrating on community basis was unknown. The first ever celebration of Reh on a common platform was started in the year of 1968 at Roing and Anini, which was initiated by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to preserved a common traditional festivals of all the tribes, the first brain child was given by late K.A.A Raja, formal Lt.Governor and first chief Commissioner of our state, and it has been adopted by our leaders like Shri Ita Pulu, Tade Tacho and few elders of Idu Mishmi society. This may be considered as a turning point in the history of Reh celebration in Mishmi society. The Reh is the main source of unity, integrity and fraternity of the Idu Mishmi society. It helps to bind togetherness and close relationships to their clans and socio-cultural, the people along with spiritual and traditional ties. It is also observed that the Reh celebration is not always possible by an every individual considering that the enormous expenditure is involved both in cash and kind. Even then one can celebrate Reh without much sacrifice and wastages. The best part of Reh is an occasion where all relatives including in-laws meet and interact with one another. As such, the individual Reh where all rituals are done in a traditional manner and it should not be abolished in Toto. Actually, all these ritual performances are not possible to be undertaken where community festival is celebrated. While celebrating the community Reh, age old system of individual Reh should also be continued, as it is been seen and practiced all over the country by various communities. To reach at the author, jonomoron-do@gmail.com
Mein highlights measures taken to boost economy

ITANAGAR, Oct 1:
Addressing the BJP State Executive Meeting at Jullang today, Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein highlighted the measures taken by the Govt of India to boost the Indian economy.

He informed that India is the world’s seventh largest economy by nominal GDP and the third largest by purchasing power parity (PPP) which is expected to grow by 7% in 2019 and 7.2% in the year 2020.

He said that the Govt of India is giving topmost priority to the economic development of the country and to boost the Indian economy, the Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has made many historic announcements on 20th Sept 2019 to boost up the economy, to encourage investment and to create new opportunities towards job creation.

“These announcements will ultimately lead to the fast growth in industrial development and benefit a large number of small traders and public”, Mein said.

He informed that the current size of the Indian economy is estimated at USD 2.7 trillion and the Govt. has announced to make India a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024 which will require major structural reforms over a vast range of sectors in the coming years.

He further informed that to augment India’s manufacturing sector and to encourage foreign and domestic companies to invest in our country, the Union Finance Minister has reduced the corporate tax from 30% to 22%. In addition for new domestic manufacturing companies, making fresh investment incorporated on or after 1st October 2019 also have an option to pay a tax at the rate of 15%.

The Union Govt also relaxed the guidelines of ECB (External Commercial Borrowing) to facilitate financing for home buyers who are eligible under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), in consultation with RBI which will help in completion of affordable and middle income housing projects that were lying incomplete since long time. “In order to avoid inconvenience to farmers and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector, agents operating under APMC (Agriculture Produce Market Committees), the Govt have exempted 2% TDS on cash payments over Rs 1 Crore”, he said.

The Union Government has expanded the scope of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and allowed companies to place 2% CSR funds for research in incubation centres of colleges/universities run by central or state government or public sector undertaking companies to accelerate the field of research and development in India and encourage new researchers. Companies will also get new possibilities to upgrade their products and services under this, he added.

In addition to the above, the Union Govt took many other important decisions to improve the economy in the last one month and as a part of the reform in the Banking sector, the Govt merged 10 public sector banks to form 4 banks. By doing this, the number of banks in the country which was 27 in the year 2017 will now be 12. He stated that the merger of banks will increase CASA (Current Account Savings Account) as well as public relations and will make the banks profitable. In this regard, the Govt. has advanced a sum of Rs 70,000 crore to the public sector banks which will benefit corporate, retail borrowers,
MSMEs, small traders etc. The Govt. has also reduced the EMI of housing loans, auto and other retail loans which will make the working capital loans cheaper for the industries. The Govt. also withdrew the surcharge by the long & short term capital gains received from the transfer of the equity shares/units in order to promote investment in the capital market.

The Govt. has also decided to make the IT Dept. online and to issue all notices, summons, orders etc. through a centralised computer system by the Income Tax authorities to end harassment of taxpayers.

The central Govt has also taken some punitive measures to increase the exports and decided to release additional fund for export credit under priority sector and as such the scope of export credit insurance scheme will increase. The bank’s lending for exports will be given more insurance cover. In addition to that it has been decided to provide duty exemption on goods exported in order to boost exports, Men informed.

Mein also informed about changes and modifications under GST which will benefit common man. Some of which are: No GST on hotel rooms below Rs 1000 and the rate of GST on hotel rooms ranging from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 7500/- has been reduced from 18% to 12% and hotel rooms above Rs. 7500/- will attract GST of 18% instead of 28%, GST rate on outdoor catering up to Rs. 7501/- has been reduced to 5% with ITC from the current 18% with ITC, GST rate on outdoor catering above Rs. 7501/- will remain at 18%, GST on diamond job work has been reduced from 5% to 1.5% and GST on machine job supply has been reduced from 18% to 12%.

He further informed about the decision of Central Govt to exempt food items that can be stored like pulses, rice, tea, coffee, nuts, spices etc. To encourage eco-friendly vehicle, GST rate on electric vehicles has been reduced from 12% to 5% and vehicle charger and charging point has also been reduced from 18% to 5%.

He also said that the filing of new return system will be introduced from April, 2020 (earlier proposed from October, 2019) in order to give ample opportunity to taxpayers as well as the system to adapt accordingly. Annual return form GSTR 9A for composition taxpayers for the tax period 2017-18 and 2018-19 has been waived off and Annual return form GSTR 9 for the taxpayers having aggregate turnover up to Rs. 2 Crores made optional for the tax period 2017-18 and 2018-19.

He further informed that the all pending payments under refund of GST till now of MSME (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise) will be made within 30 days and future payment cases will be resolved within 60 days. He also informed that the integrated refund system with disbursement by single authority was introduced from 26th September, 2019.

Mein also highlighted the benefits of implementing Goods & Services Tax (GST) in the State saying that the introduction of Goods & Services Tax in the State of Arunachal Pradesh has been a positive revenue event for the State.

“There is a growth in revenue collection in the State since implementation of GST and the State has registered an exponential growth in the number of registered dealers”, Mein said.

He informed that the collection for Financial Year 2018-19 from GST was 569.41 Cr which has witnessed almost 111% growth in comparison with 9 months of previous Financial Year.

He said, “Arunachal Pradesh is one of the few States to record positive growth since implementation of GST and the State topped the list in the North Eastern States with collection of Rs. 304.74 Cr. in the current Financial Year 2019-20 (April-August).

He further said that the State Govt under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Shri Pema Khandu stand com-
mitted by the noble decisions of our Central Leadership towards making of a Modern India where Modern Technique, Transparent Governance and Equitable Society are the benchmark for fulfilling the objective of ‘SabkaSaath - Sabka Vikas and SabkaViswas’.

He urged upon the State Executives of BJP to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister in realizing his vision of New India.

Governor chairs high-level security meeting

ITANAGAR, Oct 1:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu, chaired a high-level security meeting at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 1st October 2019. Air Marshal R.D. Mathur, AVSM, VSM, AOC-in-C Eastern Air Command, Lt. General Anil Chauhan, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command along with Chief Secretary Shri Naresh Kumar, IAS, Director General of Police and Commissioner to Governor R.P. Upadaya, IPS, attended the meeting. Lt General Rajjeev Sirohi, AVSM, VSM, GOC, 3 Corps, Lt. General Manoj Pandey, AVSM, VSM, GOC 4 Corps and Major General Balwider Singh, VSM, ADG, Assam Rifles were also present in the meeting.

The Governor reviewed the security status of Arunachal Pradesh with special focus on the law and order situation. He also reviewed the security infrastructure in the border areas.

The Governor emphasised that sense of security must be instilled amongst the people particularly those living in the remote border areas. The presence of the forces must be seen and felt in as security multipliers those areas, he stressed.

The Governor also emphasized on initiating up of more Samaritan projects to create confidence building and organizational support between the security personnel and civilian population.

CM bats for separate IAS, IPS and IFS cadre for Arunachal Pradesh

ITANAGAR, Oct 1:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today strongly reiterated for separate IAS, IPS and IFS cadre for Arunachal Pradesh stating that this will set the pace of development in the state to pick up.

Speaking during the BJP State Executive Meeting here at Jollang, Chief Minister said due to absence of separate civil service cadre for Arunachal, the efficiency of state bureaucracy has been crippled.

He said civil service officers posted from Delhi come to Arunachal for short duration. By the time the officer has understood the nitty gritty of the system here, he is transferred elsewhere taking with him wealth of knowledge causing huge institutional memory loss.

Such continuous drain of knowledge keeps the pace of work slow and hindered, said the Chief Minister. He also added that such hindrances in higher bureaucracy makes the officers at the directorate level to work according to their own whims and fancies without any sense of ownership and responsibilities.

Calling for such ineffective working culture to be destroyed forever, Chief Minister said if Arunachal gets its own separate civil service cadre, then sense of ownership and responsibility will prevail and also the institutional knowledge.

A resolution for separate civil service cadre for Arunachal was moved by Chief Minister, which was unanimously supported by all members present during the meeting.

Further sending a strong message to non-performing officers at the senior bureaucracy level, Chief Minister declared that he would not hesitate to invoke the provisions of 56J of the central service rules. Officers failing to perform will be made to compulsory retire or even terminated. This is to send good message across and whip up
efficiency level in the bureaucracy, said the Chief Minister.

Khandu also declared that there is no commission system in works department, wherein huge percentage as commission is deducted by the department for release of payments to the contractors. Calling to spread the message that such deducting of money from contractor is illegal, Chief Minister asked the citizens to report any such malpractice directly to the Chief Minister’s Office for strict action to be initiated against the officers involved.

Governor, First Lady of the State discards one-time-use plastic bottles and bags, distribute cloth bags amongst the staff of Raj Bhavan

ITANAGAR, Oct 2:
To set the pace and lead the movement on 2nd October 2019, Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) and the First Lady of the State Neelam Misra discarded one-time-use plastic bottles and bags, in a organized well-attended programme along with the staff and officials of Raj Bhavan, Itanagar. The Governor and the First Lady of the State distributed cloth bags, steel tumblers and plates to the staff and appealed to them to shun the use of non-biodegradable bottles and bags. The First Lady of the State also distributed cloth bags to new mothers. Reiterating the appeal of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, the Governor appealed to the officials of Raj Bhavan and people of Arunachal Pradesh to continue the use of one-time-use plastic bottles and bags. He said that these non-biodegradable pollutants not only damage the environment but also harm the stray animals, who eat it as also choke the drains and rivulets.

The Governor impressed upon the people to segregate the domestic wastes, such as wet waste, dry waste and e-waste and contain it in different bins. While emphasizing the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle, he advised them to make a beginning to bring the desired change in this regard.

The Governor said that discontinuing the use of one-time-use plastic items, shunning the use of Gutka will be a befitting tribute to the Father of the Nation on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary. The Governor im-

Hamara Arunachal Abhiyan launched; pledge taken to make Arunachal ‘an island of peace’

ITANAGAR, Oct 2:
To make Arunachal a better place, Chief Minister Pema Khandu today administered a pledge on ‘Hamara Arunachal Abhiyan (HAA)’ to a massive gathering of people representing different NGOs, student community, government bodies, CBOs and various civil society organisations from across the state.

The pledge taken on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti resolved on becoming a responsible citizen, to work for social harmony and to protect the environment. It also aimed to restore Arunachal its crowning glory and to make the state as ‘island of peace’. People gathered resolved to work as citizen police to maintain law and order and pledged to refrain from any illegal act.

Earlier in his speech, Chief Minister addressing the gathering at Indira Gandhi Park said HAA has come into being to give thrust to Team Arunachal campaign. He said Arunachal is a challenging state in terms of cultural diversity. So to bring the feeling of oneness among Arunachali, not only government but also people must take proactive part in it, said the CM.

Chief Minister called on the people that Arunachali as an identity must come first before one’s respective tribe. He urged that such feelings must be infused in the minds and hearts of people for better future of Arunachal.

Chief Minister further said to bring together all tribal communities, government ex-
Exercises such as budget preparation involves consultation with all community bodies. This is to give out the message that Team Arunachal is a government represented by every section of people.

However, there are certain bad elements that we must fight who are trying to derail the unity and peace in the state, said the CM. To fight such elements, along with police modernization, people must also start to take ownership and act as citizen police to build society free of crime, he said.

CM further said any breakdown in law and order discourages investment, which is vital for economic development of the state. To maintain law and order in the state, people need to be made equal participant, he asserted. Chief Minister said the HAA abhiyan will be continued upto 2024 without use of single penny from government exchequer. He said funding for the campaign will be sourced from corporate sector. Chief Minister suggested that HAA campaign should reach out to people on issues such as language preservation and promotion, drug awareness, prevention of money culture in election etc.

Earlier the CM released a "Picture Gandhi", a best selling book on Mahatma Gandhi published by TULIKA PUBLISHERS for children translated to five tribal languages of Arunachal namely Adi, Apatani, Mishmi, Nyishi, Nocte and also Bodo language of Assam. The book is originally written in English by award winning author Sandhya Rao. The CM felicitated the 6 translators from 6 different tribes of Arunachal and Assam.

With the effort to sensitize young minds about energy sustainability and environmental care, Chief Minister launched the solar mission and administered pledge to students from various schools to play the role of Student Solar Ambassador. Chief Minister also administered pledge on swachhta hi sewa.

Earlier during the day, to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Itanagar Municipal Council in collaboration with District Administration Capital Complex organised Shramdaan at IG park Itanagar. Chief Minister along with the Council of Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, DGP, Senior Officers and Officials from the District Administration and the IMC actively participated in the mass social service to get rid of plastic wastes.

**Swachhta Hi Seva celebrated in the form of Gandhi Jayanti.**

**BOMDILA, Oct 2:** The 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated at district headquarters Bomdila and in all the administrative centers of the district as ‘Swachhta Hi Seva’ day.

Hundreds from different walks of life thronged to the venue at Bomdila Auditorium irrespective of their age, job and professional affiliations.

Gracing the occasion, His Eminence Guru Tulku Rinpoche, Abbot of Lower Gompa Bomdila reiterated and emphasized on the need for coordination of mind, word and action for a result oriented objective and in attaining the goal of Swachhta Hi Seva.

Opining that changes come from one’s inner self, the Rinpoche called upon the people to have a positive mind set and endeavor in fulfilling the dreams of Gandhi, Modi and Pema Khandu in attaining a plastic free environment and paving the way for a better world to live in for the coming generations. He assured his fullest cooperation for the holistic mission in his various capacities.

ADC (HQ) cum Nodal Officer for Swachhta Hi Seva in the district, Gombu Tsering administering the pledge for a Plastic Free Environment called upon the people to re-dedicate oneself for the noble venture and set an example for others to emulate by going beyond the call of duty.

Earlier, the Rinpoche and ADC Gombu launched ‘Angikaar’- a common platform or all in a single umbrella
of all the central government schemes dedicated for the welfare of the people.

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhi, activities such as painting, drawing and essay writings etc on various aspects of Swachhta Hi Seva were conducted amongst the students of the various schools of the district and winners felicitated on the day.

Patriotic songs and Skits, dances and extempore speech competition amongst the students of various schools of the district on Single Use Plastic were other highlights of the daylong celebration besides the power point presentation on SBM and Ramdhun.

Early in the morning, a signature campaign was also held pledging to uphold the principles and ethos of Swachhta Hi Seva in letter and spirit.

Governor participates in Gandhi Jayanti celebration
ITANAGAR, Oct 2:
Governor Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with Chief Minister Pema Khandu unveiled a life-size Statue of Mahatma Gandhi, in a public function at Gandhi Udhyam, NitiVihar, Itanagar to commemorate the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor urged upon the people to see the statue, remember Gandhi ji and connect themselves with Gandhi ji’s ideals. He said that the statue of the Father of the Nation symbolises sacrifice, conveys message and portrays values of Gandhi ji. Gandhi ji sacrificed his comfort and well settled professional life for the people of India and their freedom from British rule. His messages of cleanliness, education for all and healthy lifestyle stand relevant today and will continue to be relevant in the days to come. Gandhi ji’s values of unity, discipline and transparency are the guiding principles for good governance. All these values are encompassed in his principle of ‘Satya and Ahimsa’, he said.

The Governor appealed to the people to emulate the ideals and core values of Gandhi ji and ensure that it reaches every nook and corner of Arunachal Pradesh.

Earlier, the Governor launched two books, ‘Swachh Campus’- a manual for Swachhta Ranking of Higher Education Institutions and ‘Jal Shakti Campus and Jal Shakti Gram’- a water conservation action and implementation plan for higher education institutions. The manuals have been compiled by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. The Governor, along with Chief Minister and his cabinet colleagues participated in a sapling plantation programme to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrates at Doimukh
DOIMUKH, Oct 2:
Local MLA-14 Doimukh Shri Tana Hali Tara alongwith DC Papum Pare Pige Ligu, officers, staffs, Bazar welfare Committees, NDRF, Police personnel, youths, school children and public took participated in the mass Swachchta Hi Seva –Plastic Mukt Bharat Campaign to make Plastic Mukt Doimukh Town on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Doimukh town today organised by the Urban Development and Planning in collaboration with district administration. At the very outset, floral tributes were paid to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi.

While addressing on the occasion MLA Tana Hali called upon people to give their full support to make Plastic Mukt Bharat campaign successful in the district and say no to single use plastics. He also spoke about hazardous effects of plastics pollution and its impact on environment. DC Papum Pare Pige Ligu administered pledge of plastic free Papum Pare to all participants. To mark the day social services were also conducted at district headquarter Yupia
by officers and staffs in their respective offices and across all administrative centres in Papum Pare district.

150th Gandhi Jayanti celebration and mass awareness rally at Yingkiong

YINGKIONG, Oct 2: The 150th Gandhi Jayanti Celebration and Mass Awareness Rally on Plastic Free India campaign was organized today by Department of UD & Housing Division, Yingkiong under “Swachhta Hi Seva” of Swachh Bharat Mission in collaboration with the District Administration Upper Siang District and PHED Department, Yingkiong.

The programme began with candle lightening, floral offering of portrait of Mahatma Gandhi by Chief Guest Taper Pada, Deputy Commissioner, Upper Siang District, Yingkiong and then accompanied by Head of offices, Public Leaders. A large numbers of students & teachers, public leaders, staffs of various offices, NGO's, Market committees, Self Help Groups of various colonies participated in the programme.

The programme was followed by Prayer on Ram Dhun by VKV students, Pledge ceremony on “Plastic Free Environment”, Distribution of prizes of Essay and Drawing Competition to the students, distribution of commendable prizes to UD Sanitary Staffs and prize to Swachh Colony by the Chief Guest.

While extending a heartfelt thanks to all participants for joining and making it grand successful, Taper Pada briefly explained the primary objective of Swachh Bharat Mission as 1) Elimination of open defection, 2) conversion of insanitary toilet to sanitary toilet, 3) Generate awareness about mission and its linkage with public health and hygiene. 4) Ban on single use plastic in the town, 5) Awareness on Aushman Bharat, Poshan Abhiyan and Jal Shakti Abhiyan on the Event.

He then further sought co-operation from all urban dwellers of town to be involved themselves in conducting the Mass Social service activities in better and effective manner to make Yingkiong town clean, hygienic, and pollution or disease free environment and PLASTIC FREE ENVIRONMENT for better health of the people living in the town.

Gandhi Jayanti celebrated across East Kameng

SEPPA, Oct 2: Along with the rest of the world, 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated with pomp and gaiety by organizing various programmes today across the East Kameng district. At Seppa, garlanding of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, distribution of prizes and certificates to the winners of various activities on cleanliness being conducted by UD & Housing Department, chanting of patriotic songs by Donyi Polo Namlo group and prayer by school children, and pledge on cleanliness were the main highlights of the celebration.

During the event, “Angikaar” – a three month campaign for social behavior change focusing on creating awareness on best practices in water and energy conservation, waste management, health, sanitation and hygiene for beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) – was also launched formally by Hon’ble Minister of WRD and Sports & Youth Affairs Shri Mama Natung by flagging off a sanitation truck in the presence of DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat, SP P Fulzule and host of HoDs, public leaders and govt. officials, and public.

DC-XI beat the East Kameng Sporting Club in a cricket match being organized here at General Ground Seppa to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Later in the day, Minister Mama Natung along with DC, SP and host of HoDs, public leaders and govt. officials, BJP Karya Kartas, and school fraternity also paid homage to the Father of the Nation at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Bana.
Recalling the great deed of Mahatma Gandhi, Minister Natung exhorted the people and the student, in particular, to follow the path and philosophy of the Mahatma Gandhi to become successful in life.

Quoting “nothing last for eternally save good deeds and thoughts,” Natung urged the public to follow the principles of Gandhi and exhorted the people to come forward and work for green and clean East Kameng, in particular, and Arunachal, in general.

Enlightening about the vision on cleanliness of the central government under the great leadership of Hon’ble PM Narendra Modi, he further sought cooperation of the public to make the sanitation campaign envisioning a clean, green and litter free India a grand success.

He appealed to the GBs, party karyakartas, public and the student community to become messengers of cleanliness by generating mass awareness on best practices of waste management, health, sanitation and hygiene in order to achieve the true goal of Swachh Bharat.

He also announced to reward in cash to the best performing village under his assembly constituency on cleanliness.

Highlighting about various developmental and novel activities being initiated by the State govt. under the dynamic leadership of HCM Pema Khandu, Natung briefed the people about the launching of “Humara Arunachal Campaign” with the motto to instill a sense of ownership amongst the people to make the State a beautiful and secured place to live. He further urged everyone to join hand in grand success of the campaign.

Appreciating the good works of govt. officials and civil societies, he also commended the DC and the Team East Kameng for bringing laurel by transforming the district as one of the best performing districts in the field of child development under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Abhiyan.

Stressing to make the district an education hub, he donated white boards to GHSS Bana.

He also distributed job cards to various beneficiaries under MGNREGA.

The District Administration in collaboration with PHE&WSD and DUDA organized various activities which included cleanliness and awareness drives, essay and painting competition during Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) fortnight.

Planting of saplings and pledge on swachhata were also taken during the event.

Prizes and certificates to the winners of various activities on cleanliness being conducted by PHE&WS Department in collaboration with the District Administration were also distributed during the event.

Dustbins by PHE&WS Department and plastic-free bags by Forest Department were also distributed during the event.

IPR staff passes away
BOMDILA, Oct 3:
Dorjee Phunchu Megeji, 55, Projector Operator of DIPRO’s office Bomdila expired on October 3, 2019 at 1600 hours after a prolonged illness at his private residence in Bomdila.

He had joined the department in the year 1991 as an Operator and was serving in the same capacity till his demise.

A 2-minutes silence was observed in DC’s office today as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

The DIPRO Office Bomdila in particular and Department of IPR in general has lost a very sincere, dedicated and pro active staff in his demise.

Tobacco Free Campus held
JANG, Oct 3:
The governing body members of Govt Upper primary school Yuthembu village, under Jang sub division today in a meeting at their school decided to make Govt Upper primary School Yuthembu and its premises as
TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS, and strictly prohibit sale of any tobacco products within the radius of 100 yards from the school. It was also decided that any one found violating the rules will be penalized under COTPA act 2003. An advisory committee in this regard under the chairmanship of BEO Jang Thingbu, and Headmaster and other teachers as members was also formed.

Similarly Govt Hr.Secondary school Jang has also been declared as TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS. The meeting of both the schools ended with oath taking by the members and students. DTCC District Hospital Tawang Dr. Sang Thinlay further informed that other schools are also on the line to follow the same, and meanwhile his NCD, DTCC team members are active giving awareness on ill effects of tobacco in various schools and institutions.

A Journey of a Girl from Hamlet of Kunuyami to Rashtrapati Bhawan
AALO, Oct 3:
It was altogether an arduous journey for a little known girl, Gami Bogo hailing from a hamlet of Kunuyami village under Kamba Circle of West Siang district in her schooling years. It was in her college days that she strived hard to carve a niche for herto excel in academic, National Service Scheme and other co-curricular activities in her graduation at JNC Pasighat and pursuing her B.Ed in Arunachal University. She is gold medalist in Zoology and her active participation in NSS all over India, leading the Republic Day Troupe in New Delhi and cultural presentation on theme of unity and oneness, national building and key deliberations on various important forums ultimately helped her to bag the prestigious NSS Award for 2017-18 from the President of India in a glittering ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 24th September.

The Bogo Ao Welfare Society gave a rousing welcome to Miss Bogo on her arrival at Minta Hotel Aalo on 1st October last. She was driven from the hotel in a flower laden vehicle up her home village at Kunuyami where a felicitation programme was held. Shri Sokngam Bogo, father of of Miss Gami Bogo, one Officer of Bogo clan, Er. Balom Bogo and host of clan members and guests appreciated her achievementand exhorted her to look out for bigger carrier in life.

Elated Gami with tears in her eyes said that the she considers the achievement as a stepping stone for better successes in her future and gave her heartfelt gratitude to the Bogo Ao Society ain particular and Galo Welfare Society in general to encourage her in such a big way. The West Siang Unit of GWS also sent her the congratulatory message on his arrival.

Border trade route with Myanmar will help to boost the local economy and promote cultural exchanges between India and Myanmar: Governor
ITANAGAR Oct 3:
Shri Laisam Simai, MLA, Nampong called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 3rd October. They discussed on border trade from Pangsau Pass, near Nampong in Changlang District with Myanmar.

The Governor said that cross-border trade is an effective mechanism for boosting the local economy as well as social development, especially along international boundaries. Border trade route with Myanmar will help to boost the local economy and promote cultural exchanges between India and Myanmar. He advised the MLA Nampong to take initiative to start it at the earliest.

The Governor, who visited the Border trade point at Nampong, advised the MLA to visit Moreh in Manipur with a study group to make the Pangsau Pass border huts more effective and secured. On his part, the Governor spoke to
his counterpart in Manipur Hon’ble Governor Ms Najma Heptulla to facilitate the visit of the Team of Deputy Speaker Shri Tesam Pongte and MLA Nampong Shri Laisam Simai from Arunachal Pradesh to Moreh, a town located on the India-Myanmar border in the Tengnoupal district of the Indian State of Manipur for coordinating their study of Moreh Border Trade. The Governor said that arrangements for Border Trade and tourist visits at Pangsa Pass should be made the best in the country.

The Governor also advised the MLA to convene meetings to promote ‘Home stays’ provisions during Pangsa Pass Festival in the Nampong Town.

**Governor convenes a meeting to discuss about TRIHMS**

**ITANAGAR, Oct 3:**

As a follow up of his visit to Tomo Riba Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (TRI-HMS), Naharlagun, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) chaired a high-level meeting at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 3rd October 2019 and discussed on infrastructure and manpower issues of TRIHMS. Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma, IAS, Commissioner, Secretary Land Management Shri SK Jain, IAS, Secretary Administrative Reforms Ms Juhi Mukherjee, IAS, and Director TRIHMS, Dr. Moji Jini, were present in the meeting amongst others.

The Governor shared his observations with the Commissioner Health and advised him to initiate necessary action to utilize the equipments and facility in TRIHMS. He said that TRIHMS being a new institution all-out effort has to be made to make it functional and patient-friendly. By commitment to do with whatever is available in the Hospital, the doctors and nurses can bring confidence, hope and solace to their patients. Make best use of provisions already in hand, he stressed.

The Governor emphasised on starting of the blood bank and Intensive Care Units (ICU) of the hospital at the earliest. He also advised on expediting the process to address the shortage of manpower, particularly the nursing staff.

The Governor advised the concerned officers to progress the working of TRIHMS on a fast track basis. He said that letters and files must move faster and personal contact and visits must be made to expedite the matters so that welfare works, particularly for the sick and needy do not suffer.

The Governor also suggested display of placards inside TRIHMS to keep TRIHMS clean, neat and tidy.

**Governor participates in the meeting of the Sub-Group of Governors**

**ITANAGAR, Oct 3:**

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) participated in the meeting of the Sub-Group of Governors, with the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Smt Anandiben Patel, in the run up to the ensuing Conference of Governors, at New Delhi on 4th October 2019. They discussed various building blocks of the ‘Sarve Shrestha Bharat’.

The Governors shared their experiences and initiatives under different heads including Swachh Bharat, Shrestha Bharat, Sushashit Bharat, Surakshit Bharat, Vikasit Bharat, Swasth Bharat and Shikshit Bharat. They also discussed the needs for good education practices in their respective States.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh briefed the Sub-Group of Governors regarding the initiatives taken by him in the field of education. He recalled the cleanliness drives in wards, conservation of water and electricity, energy, tree plantations, cultural exchange programmes, patronising the local handicrafts and loin looms, promotion of Digital Payment and Digital Literacy of the Staff, maintaining peace and tranquillity in the Tirap Longding and Changlang Dis-
districts, boosting of the economy of the State, improvement of the Primary and Secondary Health Centres, improvement of ranking of Higher Education Institutions and Placement of their students and the distribution of Text Books up from Class I to Class-XII, free of charge for all students.

Arunachal Pradesh's developmental programmes were appreciated by all the Governors of the Sub-Group of Governors.

Mini Secretariat declared No Tobacco Zone

ITANAGAR, Oct 4:
The Director Audit & Pension Abdul Basit today declared the Mini Secretariat Naharlagun as No Tobacco Zone in a mammoth gathering attended by the Director Health services Dr Moromor Lego, Director Transport Tage Tado, EAC Naharlagun Ashok Tajo, DMO ICC Dr Mandip Perme, FAO, TO and NGOs along with all staff of various departments under Mini Secretariat Naharlagun. The programme was organized by District Tobacco Control Cell ( DTCC)ICC under DMO ICC establishment.

The DMO informed that No Tobacco Zone is being implemented under the law Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 ( COTPA) where section 4 prohibits on smoking in any public place and section 6 (a) (b) prohibits sale of cigarettes or any other tobacco products to any person who is under 18 yrs and within the radius of 100 yards from any Educational Institutions. The violators will be fined or even jailed as per COTPA, informed the DMO. The DMO further informed that the chal- lan book has also been handed over to EAC for strict imple- mentation of the law.

Legal Awareness Programme Held at Sagalee

SAGALEE, Oct 4:
Arunachal Pradesh Women Welfare Society, Sagalee branch, Papum Pare District in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women and District administration Papum Pare conducted one day legal awareness pro- gram at Sagalee on 4th October to give legal awareness on women and children issues.

Former Chief Minister and local MLA-15 Sagalee AC Shri Nabam Tuki graced the occasion as chief guest. While addressing the gathering Shri Nabam Tuki lauded APWWS and SCW for conducting such awareness programme in Sagalee and emphasised that such awareness camps need to be conducted in all places especially in rural areas where most of the people apart from the women and girl child are still ignorant about their rights and privileges. Hailing the role of APWWS and SCW for their effort towards emancipation of women, prevention of child marriages and drug addiction cases Shri Tuki asserted they should continue their good work for better future of women and children which in turn will empower more womenfolk to participate in social, political and economic activities.

He also lauded the APWWS for involving GBs and SHGs groups for creating awareness on legal issues re- related to women and child and urged upon all GBs to create awareness in respective villages to eliminate and ban force marriages, child marriag- es, polygamy and drug addic- tions to create better future for children.

Chairperson APSCW Radhilu Chai Techi in her key- note address advocated for giving better education to girl child and support to become independent women in her life so that she can strongly stand against all odds. She also stressed on preventing early marriages and discrimination being a girl child at home besides advising the girls to fo- cus on career building and to learn basic steps of self de- fence instead of falling prey to early marriages.

She also thanked Gaon Buras (GBs) for their support and requested them to not to encourage the customary laws which are harmful for women's
fundamental rights and privileges, adding to it, she said that there are many flaws in customary practices in different tribes of AP which needs early reformation in the best interest of the women folks of the state.

Speaking on increasing crime against women and child in the state Ms. Radhilu Chai expressed that a Women Grievances Cell as a branch of State Women Commission required to be opened in every district to address the issues of women and child at district level itself and an independent Protection Officers to tackle the problems. She also exhorted the women to stand for their rights and take the benefits of legal services provided to them during any problem.

She also highlighted about the recommendations of SCW to Govt of Arunachal Pradesh on issues pertaining to women reservation, codification of customary laws flaws, polygamy, child marriages, compulsory registration of marriages, strong disciplinary action against govt employees with criminal cases etc.

APWWS (CEC) Smti Dipti Bengia illustrated on APWWS evolution and its functioning since its inception in 1979. Smti Gumri Ringu, former Chairperson APSCW cum Life Member APWWS spoke on domestic violence and law relating to women, Smti Techi Hunmai, Member,APSCW highlighted power and functions of APSCW. Earlier, Smti Gollo Putung Nabam, President, APWWS, Sagalee Branch welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the camp. She also expressed her gratitude to team of APSCW and APWWS (CEC) for their support and guidance.

Resource persons on the occasion Smti S.Lowang, ADC sagalee spoke on child marriages, Dr. Welly on drug additions and maternal health, Adv. Anand Tehci Tara on POSCO Act.2012 and Ms. Adab Gollo from SRLM on women economic empowerment. Among others attended the awareness camp were entourage members of APWWS, APSCW, members of APWWS Sagalee, DySP Papum Pare, GBs, HoDs of Sagalee Division, women SHGs, school children and general public.

DC calls for development of village tourism

CHANGLANG, Oct 4:
Deputy Commissioner, Changlang Shri R K Sharma chaired a meeting of the Arunachal Tourism Society (ATS), Changlang, here on Friday last.

The DC emphasized on the development of village tourism, consisting of self-contained huts to be operational throughout the year, with the participation of self help groups. He advocated for conducting of awareness programme for capacity building of the locals and training then on hospitality, home stay and food. He also emphasized for developing picnic spots and leasing it out to NGOs. "There is a need for development of sustainable tourism whose benefits are of not only environmental and social, but also economic" said Mr Sharma. He further urged for active participation and involvement of all tourism stakeholders.

The meeting was convened to discuss about the works to be done by the ATS for promotion of all round development of Tourism activities in the district. The members present also deliberated on the agenda.

DGP Visits 5th IRBn Hq; Interacts with Officers & Jawans

PASIGHAT, Oct 5:
Director General of Police, R.P. Upadhay visited the Commandant Office of 5th IRBN Hqr (BHQ) and inspected the newly completed headquarters of the 5th IRBN here at 2-Mile here Saturday and expressed satisfaction with the quality of works undertaken after inspecting the Commandant Office, quarters, 100 bedded bachelors barrack, school building, drill shed and also water supply and electrical power supplies including essential amenities in the premises.
He was accompanied by the DC, Dr. Kinny Singh, SP and Incharge Commandant, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, EE RWD, Kipa Rinya, AE RWD Kamin Rukbo. Upadhyay suggested for incorporation of Children’s park in the premises and lauded the executing agency RWD for the timely completion of project. Reportedly, Chief Minister Pema Khandu will inaugurate the 5th BHQ at Pasighat in November. The DGP directed the SP and In-charge Commandant to submit estimate for extension of garage and procurement of additional gym items for Gymnasium hall.

Later interacting with the Officers and IRBN Jawans during Sampark Sabha, the DGP lauded their dedication and hard work towards their duty and called upon them to uphold the dignity and prestige of the uniform as a disciplined and professional force. “Give your best” the DGP said adding that we must rise upto the expectations that the people of the state and the state Government has reposed on us, he stressed. We are duty bound to perform our duties of maintaining law and order under the purview of rules and regulations, added Upadhyay. He asserted that State Government has accorded top priority to modernization and strengthening of the police department. Various proposal ranging from infrastructural augmentation, construction of New PHQ, TCL Action Plan have been approved, including the recent approval by the Cabinet Committee amounting to Rs. 80 Crore, further informed the DGP. Stressing on proper coordination and communication to take up grievances and feedback from Officers and Jawans, he asked to conduct monthly Sampark meeting. Welfare measure and other pending services matters could be taken and addressed on time through such meetings. He also stressed on maintaining the chain of command by all the personnel to maintain proper procedure. Further expansion based on requirements could be taken up in a phased manner, he suggested.

Earlier, on his arrival, the DGP was accorded Guard of Honour. DGP also held a sampark sabha with officers and jawans of district police East Siang at Reserve Police Line Pasighat and dedicated recreational room to police personnel at RPL. He retreated that the force must imbibe sincerity and discipline in their works and be prepared to serve in any situation and in remote districts of the state if called upon to do so. He also visited Women Police Station which is under construction and Police Station Pasighat. He insisted on cleanliness in the PS premises and beyond and to upheld the swachta abhiyaan in spirit among all personnel. The DGP assured all possible help to grievances put forth by police personnel and cautioned that indiscipline in force will be dealt with a strong hand.

Govt College Doimukh observes Swachhta Hi Seva & Plastic Mukt Bharat

DOIMUKH, Oct 5:
Govt college Doimukh, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti observed Swachhata Hi Seva and Plastic Mukt Bharat. Gracing the occasion Shri Tana Halil Hon’ble MLA 14 Doimukh Constituency in his address to college community highlighted the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi and importance of Gandhi Jayanti.

He gave a call for making swachhata essence of life and to avoid negative thoughts by imbibing strong positivity and discipline. Students need to focus on study to succeed and to avoid all kinds of negativity and distraction as there is a throat cutting competition today. He joined the tree plantation and social service effectively besides inspecting all the ongoing civil works and requirements of the college. He also advised the faculty to devote themselves for the cause of quality education in order to equip the students of the college to come up with flying colours in competitive examinations such as APPSCCE. Earlier Dr M. Q. Khan, in his
welcome address appreciated the college community including students, staff and faculty members for working with a team spirit to ensure clean, green and conducive environment and advised students to maintain utmost discipline which is key to success in life. He also lauded the wholehearted support and guidance being rendered by the local MLA for the development of the institution. He shared that the college has already banned use of all sorts of plastic since 22nd April, 2018.

The NSS volunteers of the college took out a rally from college campus to Doimukh town to create awareness about ills of plastic and to make the town, the campus and houses plastic mukt. And a mass social service was conducted by all the students of the college including NSS volunteers, staff and faculty members under the supervision of the Principal.

Preparedness coordination meeting held

KHONSA, Oct 5:
A preparedness coordination meeting with candidates, election observers, HoDs, flying squads, police held at Kamlesh Joshi Conference Hall DC’s office, Khonsa on October 5.

SP Tirap Kardak Riba informed that adequate security forces including 12 coy Para Military Forces/ IRBn and state police under the supervision of 2(two) Superintendent of Police to assist SP Tirap and 10(ten) Dy.SP’s and 16(sixteen) Inspectors and 26 (twenty six) Sub-Inspectors besides Tirap District Police have been deployed in different locations to ensure free and fair conduct of by-election in 56-Khonsa West (ST) Assembly Constituency. The SP suggested both the candidates to respects each other and be a part of free and fair election.

ERO cum EAC Hakrisha Kri informed that preparation for by-election in 56-Khonsa West (ST) Assembly Constituency are being carried out smoothly and rounds of training have also been imparted to the officers/officials assigned for the election duties. He further informed that till now flying squad team have seized 14(fourteen) cages of foreign liquor and an amount of Rs. 2,05,000/- (Rupees two lakh five thousand) and sharp knives etc, from different location.

RO cum Tirap DC P.N. Thungon appealed both the candidates and their supporters to cooperate with the District Administration, Police and Polling teams assigned for the election duties for peaceful conduct of the election procedure. He also appreciated Tirap Police led by SP Kardak Riba, Para Military forces, APP, IRBn deploys for the by-election on duties, Election observer/ Expenditure observer for working hard to ensure peaceful conduct of By-Election in 56-Khonsa West (ST) Assembly Constituency. The Deputy Commissioner further urged Power (Electric) and PHE&WS department to ensure electricity connection and water supply are available in all 23(twenty three) Polling booths.

Election Observer and Expenditure observer also spoke on the occasion.

The preparedness coordination meeting was attended by Shri Azet Homtok, Independent Candidate, Smti Chakat Aboh, Independent candidate, Supporters from both the parties, HoDs, Election Observer/ Expenditure Observers.

3RD edition of Pasighat Butterfly and Bio-diversity meet begins; Ering lauds village community of Ledum

LEDUM, Oct 8:
The 3rd edition of the Pasighat Butterfly and Bio-Diversity Meet began here at Mural Village Ledum with the theme to conserve Mother Nature. The event also aims to promote Mural Village Ledum as a eco-tourist destination.

Local MLA, Ninong Ering addressing as the Chief Guest, has lauded the village community of Ledum for
showing the way for others to protect their rich fauna and flora and to put Ledum on the eco-tourism map of the world through their conservation efforts. The participation of the local community who are the most important stakeholders is most vital towards conservation of our ecosystem for sustainable development and for our future generation, Ering added.

Ering welcoming the tourists, nature lovers, environmentalists, Research Scholars, ecologists, Wildlife Officers(DFOs) who have come together here during the three-day meet, he hoped that meet will help educate the people and create awareness on importance of Butterfly and Bio-Diversity in general and importance of conservation at the community level. He expressed concern that many wildlife species that used to abound earlier, has dwindled and face extinction and we must work together to conserve the rich biodiversity for the future generation. The Office of the Destination Ledum was also inaugurated by the Chief Guest today.

Earlier, DC, East Siang, Dr. Kinny Singh who was the Guest of Honour, also said that such occasions provide a common platform to ponder and create awareness among the community members. Stating that the delicate and fragile Butterfly which is a beautiful Creation of Nature and one of the vital species in Nature, symbolizes the need to protect our fragile eco-system. We must all come together to conserve and protect our rich wildlife and bio-diversity, she stressed.

The East Siang District Admission has also taken steps and issued directives through the Village GBs to protect wildlife and take strict action.

Earlier, a dance presentation on the theme of butterfly conservation choreographed by Noted folk artiste Denong Padung also presented.

Dr. Joram Khopey also presented a brief on history of Butterfly & Bio-Diversity Meet and objective of Butterfly meet.

DFO, Mouling Wildlife Sanctuary, Boken Pao and DFO Tashi Mize also spoke on the need to conserve wildlife and bio-diversity.

Welcome speech was given by Organising Secretary John Pada, while vote of thanks was extended by Onong Taloh, Ledum Village Secretary. Talut Siram, organizing Chairman also extended his thanks to all stakeholders.

Dr. Sarala Khaling, Regional Head, Ashoka Trust for Research on Ecology and Environment, Sikkim and Nawang Bhutia, President Bomos Nature Conservation Society and also known as Butterfly Man of Sikkim were among others felicitated on the occasion. Moth Watching was also one of the highlights. The three day eco-tourism event beginning today will feature biodiversity Discovery, Birdwatching, Conservation activities, nature trail hike, Nature photography. Nature lovers and conversations are also converging during the three-days.

**Buragaon-Thrizino MLA calls on the Governor**

**ITANAGAR, Oct 8:**

Shri Kumsi Sidisow, MLA, Buragaon-Thrizino called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 8th October 2019. They discussed about opening of new private universities in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor said that the private universities coming to the State should have students’ and public interest supreme in their mind. Private universities must display and ensure full and proper infrastructure in place before all other formal actions for the commencement of the university. The construction work is the basic ingredient of starting any institution. Proper playground, library, laboratories, student amenities like hostels, etc. and the conveniences and amenities for the girl students should be 100% in place and on the ground before the admissions are opened. The private universities must ensure
this in public interest, he said. The Hon'ble Governor also mentioned that most of the private universities in the State do not have proper infrastructure, playfields, students' extra curriculum facilities, befitting libraries and laboratories as also the necessary amenities for girl students.

Expressing his disappointment on unbecoming academic plans of a private university, he said that a private university has offered a distant learning course for our MLAs in BA Political Science and MA Political Science, without charging any fee, and with promise for arrangement of writing the examination for them. Such offers woefully fall beyond the accepted academic norms and practices, he said.

Many private universities in their proposal promise scores and scores of courses which are on the face of it impractical. The appointment of permanent faculty and their proper remuneration for ensuring the qualitative standard of the faculty fall far too short of norms. The Governor, therefore, suggested that the private universities, running in our State Arunachal Pradesh, in such cases, must ensure that full, proper and dignified infrastructure is in place before the commencement of the students' admission. He also emphasized that proper, well qualified, permanent faculty are appointed and present before starting a private university.

The Governor said that many complaints are being received from the general public regarding the bad performance of many private universities in our State and this must be rectified by the concerned private universities. He said that the private universities already functioning or planning to open in in Arunachal Pradesh should have all requisite wherewithal of staff, faculty, materials, structures, and ground of optimum standard before starting the admission of the students. Unless these prerequisites are ensured by the private universities, they will be hurting the academic faith of the people and the students of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor advised Shri Sidisow advised the MLA to visit the private universities in the State and suggest measures for improving the infrastructural facilities and quality education imparted in the private universities of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor visited the Bumla pass and interacted with the Indian army troops. He also interacted with the tourists, who thronged the Bumla pass in large numbers and reviewed amenities that were available for the tourists at Bumla. He visited the Tsachu hot spring, the holy Chumey Gyatsar falls, and Mago village during the trip. At Mago village he interacted with the villagers. The villagers at Mago requested the chief secretary for sanctioning a fair price shop, and additional turbine to be commissioned in the power house. He also reviewed the progress of BAdP schemes at Mago village under Chief secretary's discretionary fund. The chief secretary directed Executive RWD Tawang to put extra efforts to complete the Mago Thingbu PMGSY road at the earliest.

During the last leg of his visit, he visited Dorjee Khandu Memorial museum at Phamla Tawang, Jamtse Gatsal Childrens community at Lungla and interacted with faculty members and children of the institute. He expressed satisfaction and happiness at the yeoman's service being rendered by the Director of Jamtse Gatsal Children's community Shri Lobzang Phuntsok and assured him to provide his full support in both his official and personal capacity.
Earlier he was accorded a warm reception at Tawang by all the officers and staff. DC Tawang made a power point presentation on Tawang and district overview of the developmental activities being undertaken by various departments. He visited the proposed site for airport, railway survey office, etc at Tawang. He asked the DC Tawang to explore feasibility of harnessing wind and solar energy at Bumla pass, and put up public conveniences at all the majors tourist spots. He implored DC Tawang to make Tawang district as most tourist friendly and cleanest district in the country. Apart from district administration Army, ITBP and GREF also accorded warm reception and hospitality during his visit to Tawang.

Shri Parthiban, Secretary Health, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, DC Tawang, SP Tawang, ADC Tawang, PD DRDA, EE RWD and EAC Thingbu accompanied Chief Secretary during tour.

**APB&OCWWB conducts labour awareness camps**

**BOMDILA, Oct 9:**

In an effort to educate the labour class of the benefits both statutory and non-statutory and other welfare measures, the Arunachal Pradesh Building & Other Construction Worker’s Welfare Board (APB&OCWWB) Bomdila, conducted awareness camps at Tenzingang, Morshing, Kalaktang and Sangti in West Kameng.

It was attended by hundreds of registered and non-registered construction workers from both the organized and unorganized sectors besides participation by public leaders, ex-PRI members, Gaon Buras, Trade Union activists and executive members of the All Arunachal Pradesh Workers Union.

Registering Officer APB&OCWWB Bomdila Niku Killo dwelling on the benefits envisaged for the registered labors informed that under the statutory benefits, the Board provides Death & Accidental benefits, Medical assistance and Education benefits besides free insurance under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana. Other benefits and facilities such as LED TV, Blankets, Solar Lamps, Gum boots, Rain coats etc are provided to the registered labors, he said and added that as of now more than forty thousand labors have already been registered under the Board in the state. DL&E Bomdila attended the camps as Resource person and encouraged the labors to get registered so as to avail the benefits given by the board. Welfare kits and registration forms were distributed at the end of every camp.

Rubu Tadii attends International Gandhi Peace Ambassadors Summit

**KATHMANDU, Oct 9:**

Shri Rubu Tadii, International Gandhi Peace Ambassador from Arunachal Pradesh attended the “1st International Gandhi Peace Ambassador Summit 2019” at Hotel Ambassador, Kathmandu, Nepal. The event was organised by Gandhi Peace Foundation, Nepal from 7th to 9th Oct 2019 was attended by Peace Ambassadors from across the world.

The International Peace summit started with rich tributes paid to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of the 150th Birth anniversary.

Various issues of International concern viz Humanity, Peace and Harmony, climate change and global warming were discussed in detail.

Shri Rubu Tadii highlighted the green revolution policy of Arunachal Pradesh and various measures initiated by the current government to increase the green cover of the state.

Shri Rubu Radio who is from Ziro, Lower Subansiri, is also the President, Anti Corruption Foundation of India.

During the summit, Peace Ambassadors Dr Shyam Pitroda from USA, Dr Kakasheb Tumne, South East, Asia, Dr S. Monty, London
Ete Brothers Donates Library Building to Darka School in Memory of their Father AALO, Oct 10:
In an exemplary way of paying tribute to their father, the Ete Brothers- Shri Gemar Ete, Geke Ete and Gemo Ete handed over a beautifully constructed Library Building to Darka Secondary school. The building was formally inaugurated by West Siang Deputy Director of School, Shri Eto Ete and dedicated to school on the first death anniversary of their father, Lige Ete in a function held in the school premises of Darka Secondary School on 8th Oct. last.

Condolence message YUPIA, Oct11:
The Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service Officers Association, Papum Pare Unit deeply mourned the untimely demise of Late Benjamin Panggam, APCS, presently working as Under Secretary at Arunachal Pradesh Civil Secretariat on 11th October’2019.
All Administrative Officers of Yupia headquarter led by the Deputy Commissioner Pige Ligu observed one minute silence in DC’s Chamber today as a respect to the departed soul and prayed almighty to give enough strength to the bereaved family to overcome irreparable loss.

Students made exposure visits of DC n SP Offices SEPPA, Sep 11:
As a part of an exposure programme, an initiative conceptualized by the district administration of East Kameng district to instill confidence and promote education amongst the student community, a batch of class 10th students of Govt. Higher Secondary School Bazarline, Seppa today visited the offices of Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police here at Seppa.
Expressing immense joy in witnessing the event, East Kameng DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat explained the visiting students about the importance of education and reiterated that the education makes a person to become champion of cause of justice and contributor in the overall development of the society.
Enlightening the gathering about the impact of philosophy of Vivekananda on education, DC affirmed that the education plays a vital role in making a nation strong and exhorted the student community to accord top-most priority to study. He further urged them to stay away from all kinds of bad habits and anti social activities.

Appreciating the yeoman services being provided by the teachers in bringing changes in the society, DC urged the faculty members to encourage and motivate and impart quality education to students. Pronouncing that education is the only mantra to resolve any problem, DC further exhorted all stakeholders to shoulder responsibilities for the betterment of education sector and requested them to go the extra mile collectively for the socio-cultural and educational development of the district.

Interacting with the students, East Kameng District SP Piyush Fulzele exhorted them to imbibe good moral character and discipline in life. Stressing that the education is the most important social sector on which development of any society is depended upon, SP further reiterated and briefed the gathering that the education is the basic building block of foundation for any society to become a developed society and until and unless this sector is developed, the mentality of the people will not be developed and hence, the society will not be developed.

Quoting “every person in this world has one or some sort of duty and responsibility...
and he should try to perform these duties,” SP requested the teaching fraternity to impart good and quality education which is relevant to the changing environment. He further urged everyone to give importance to better education of their children.

During the visits, status of syllabus being covered as of date, strategy for preparations for pre-Board and final examinations, and factors causing absenteeism amongst students were discussed. Feedbacks and problems were also enquired during the visits from the visiting faculty members.

Students were accompanied by DDSE Kata Rangmo and Principal T Jomoh.

Simai inaugurates EEL Festival
PASIGHAT, Oct.11:
MLA Laisam Simai today inaugurated the three-day Easterly Essence Ledum Festival (EEL Festival) celebrating Culture, Adventure , Sports, Literature, Arts, Folk and popular Music.

In his brief address, Simai, called upon the youth to tap the opportunities for sustainable self-employment in the Tourism sector. The MLA inaugurated the festival food stalls of various tribes, open painting and photography gallery with artists participating from all over Arunachal Pradesh, Hot Air Ballooning etc in the Festival Ground and interacted with the cultural troupes including Lisu tribe cultural troupe.

Simai called upon the village community to continue to maintain the status of cleanest village and while lauding the innovative step of Mural Village Ledum, he said that it will be an inspiration for other rural areas to replicate and innovate.

Local MLA Ninong Ering, Secretary Tourism, GoAP, Sadhana Deori, East Siang DC, Dr. Kinny Singh, Director Tourism, Abu Tayeng, and District Tourism Officer, Tatra Tatak, also attended among others.

Other highlights included performances by cultural troupes from Adi, Lisu, Galo, Mishmi, Singpho, etc. Tapu War Dance of the Adi Tribe was also presented.

Folk Fusion by noted Folk Artiste Delong Padung, Performances by Artistes WCMC, Sonam Topden, Trance effect, Inime and the Band, Rito Riba, Lenzing Doming, Minam Ering, Brick city boyz, Lit fest by Mureng, Trekking, Adventure Sports guided by Everestor Taka Tamut includes Zip lining, Rapelling, Hot Air Ballonning, Para Motor, Angling etc will feature in the three-day EEL.

The EEL is organized by the department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with @Destination Ledum. The three-day festival will conclude on Oct. 13 next.

Consul General from Royal Bhutanese is on a two-day visit to the state
ITANAGAR, Oct.11:
Consul General Phub Tshering from the Royal Bhutanese Consulate General, Guwahati, on 11 Oct, made a courtesy call on Chief Minister Pema Khandu at the latter’s office here. He was accompanied by Consul Sherub Phuntho.

The Consul General is on a two-day visit to the state that shares one of its international boundaries with Bhutan and has close cultural and religious affinity particularly with the eastern districts of the state.

During the informal discussion, Khandu emphasized on the need for connecting Bhutan by road from Tawang, which he claimed would boost the tourism sectors of both Bhutan and India benefiting Arunachal Pradesh. He said the road on the Indian side in Tawang district is almost ready, however construction is yet to begin on the Bhutan side.

Khandu informed the Consul General, who has consular jurisdiction over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland, that with the support of Govt. of India surface and air connectivity in the state has received a major fillip in recent years. He said while rail connectivity to Tawang from Bhalukpong
is expected to be complete by 2020, proposal has been made for establishing an airport at Tawang. "When these projects are complete, tourists will throng for West Kameng and Tawang districts in huge numbers. If we open the road from Tawang to Bhutan, both our state and Bhutan will immensely benefit, it's a win-win situation for both of us," Khndu stressed.

Khandu said that the government is ready to sit and sort out any concerns of the Bhutan government. He even proposed that till the road materializes a ropeway could be constructed to attract tourists.

Congratulating Bhutan for being a favorite of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Khandu said Bhutan is close to India and particularly close to Arunachal Pradesh. He also appreciated Bhutan for its progress and sound economy despite being a small Himalayan kingdom.

"We have a lot to learn from Bhutan especially in optimally utilizing our rich hydro-power and tourism potentials, which are more or less same as that in Bhutan," CM said.

Consul General Phub Tshering acknowledged the huge tourism potential of Arunachal Pradesh. He said the state government could collaborate with Bhutan in the tourism sector and advised for focusing on high-end tourism to generate revenue. "This is a big state and it has huge potential," Tshering said and offered the assistance and cooperation of his office based at Guwahati for any fruitful endeavor.

**Villagers not to claim land compensation for the road construction**

**YINKKIONG, Oct.12:** Exhibiting 'pro-development' attitude, 10 villages falling under the proposed 150km. Yinkgiong to Bishing 2-lane highway declared not to claim any land compensation for the road construction.

The delegates from 10 villages of Gette, Pugging, Likor, Palling, Singging, Angging, Zido, Ngaming, Mayung and Bishing led by Bani Dan-ggen and Takkin Tekseng met Chief Minister Pema Khandu here today and informed about the decision.

Coming under the banner of ‘Yinkgiong to Bishing 2-lane Highway Road Committee’, the delegates informed the CM that a public meeting was held recently regarding the proposed road construction for its early start and submitted a resolution copy of the meeting. In the resolution adopted, people from the said 10 villages expressing deep regret over non-connectivity, unanimously resolved to fully cooperate with the government for fast completion of the proposed road construction without claiming single penny under the land compensation.

Appreciating the proactive attitude of the villagers, Chief Minister said such cooperative gesture shown by the villagers is an example for the rest of the state to follow. He said such positive attitude is need of the hour particularly when many development projects of public importance in the state are stuck due to land compensation matter.

Encouraged by the cooperation shown by the villagers, CM assured that the proposed road construction matter will be taken up with the union ministry on priority for its early sanction. He also informed the delegates that the survey work for the proposed road has been completed.

**Sarkar Aapke Dwar organized at Wessang**

**WESSANG, Oct 12:** The Sarkar Aapke Dwar (Jan Sunvai Sammelan) programme for East Kameng district was conducted successfully at Wessang on Saturday last with hundreds of people from various villages in the vicinity of the area taking advantage of the facilities provided by the District Administration and various departments of the district.

The programme was inaugurated by Local MLA Ta-puk Taku in presence of Gaon Burahs and a huge gathering of public of the area. East Ka-
The MLA and DC along with other administrative officers inspected all the stalls and interacted with the officials and urged them to make sure that every single household is benefitted from the programme.

Urging the people to take advantage of such programme at the fullest, the MLA informed that the main motive behind conducting the programme is to provide services to the public at their doorsteps.

During the day-long programme, various services were provided, which included, among others, issuance of PRC, ST and birth certificates, income, disability and old-age certificates, issuance of Job Cards and Aadhaar seeding, enrolment under CMAAY and free treatment at health camp, forms were filled & received for opening of bank accounts, distribution of medicines for animals, awareness on law and traffic rules and educational schemes, distribution of seeds, PP chemical and soil health cards, registration of farmers and labour.

Fully filled forms were received under CM Dulari Kanya scheme. Aadhaar Enrolment & corrections were done during the event.

Households were connected with LPG connection under PM Ujjwala Yojana.

**MLA Taku and DC Rajawat interacted with students of GHSS Pampoli**

**SEPPA, Oct 12:**

In order to instill confidence and promote education amongst the student community, local MLA Tapuk Taku along with DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat, SP Piyush Fulzele, DDSE Kata Rangmo and host of HoDs and govt. officers today visited the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Pampoli.

Interacting with the students of class 10 and 12 of the school, MLA Taku exhort ed the students to accord top priority to study and adopt the path of hard work to become a successful person. Elaborating about the hard work, he explained that a man can become a great person with his own efforts and labours, “Only hard work can make one’s future great.” He requested the teaching fraternity to impart good and quality education to students.

DC and SP enlightened the students about the importance of education and reiterated that the education makes a person to become champion of cause of justice and contributor in the overall development of the society. Duo advised them to give importance to study and urged the teaching fraternity to encourage and motivate the students to imbibe good habits. DC and SP further expressed hope that the faculty and student community will perform hard to achieve excellent and bring laurel to the district and the school in particular.

During the visit, status of syllabus being covered as of date, strategy for preparations for pre-Board and final examinations, factors causing absenteeism amongst students and requirement of remedial classes were discussed. Feedbacks and problems were also enquired during the visits from the faculty members.

**Free health camp for eye treatment held at DH Seppa**

**SEPPA, Oct 12:**

A two-day free health camp for eye treatment was organised on 10th and 11th October by the District Health Society, Seppa in collaboration with a team of National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (Naharlagun Unit) led by SPO (NPCB) Dr. Taba Khanna (Ophthalmologist) under Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan Kosh (MMRKK) here at District Hospital, Seppa. More than 300 people were treated during the health camp.
As an extension to the health camp, a dedicated Eye Operation Theatre for District Hospital, Seppa was also inaugurated today by Local MLA Shri Tapuk Taku in presence of DC Gaurav Singh Rajawat, SP Piyush Fulzele, DMO Dr. Lalchand Darung, MS Dr Kopi Gyadi and host of medicos and other health staffs.

During the inauguration event, 32 patients were operated free of cost in the newly inaugurated eye operation theatre. Out of which, 22 were diagnosed with cataract disorder.

Annual NCC Training Camp underway at KV; 482 cadets participating
PASIGHAT, Oct 12:
The Combined Annual Training Camp for NCC Cadets of Arunachal Pradesh, conducted by 22 Arunachal Pradesh (Independent) Company NCC, Pasighat is underway here at Kendriya Vidyalaya. Altogether 482 cadets are actively participating and receiving training in drill, map reading, field craft, physical fitness and firing. The cadets are also receiving training on various fields viz. disaster management, yoga by certified instructor, and health and hygiene by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) of Pasighat. Besides creating awareness and sensitization on various social responsibilities and values, tree plantation and cleanliness drive rallies were also organized.

Colonel Pratim Kumar Hembrom, Officer Commanding NCC Pasighat stated that the training will make the cadets disciplined, responsible and good citizens of the nation.

Earlier, Brigadier Milan Mathur, Sena Medal, Group Commander of NCC Group Headquarters, Dibrugarh, had inspected the training camp, and appreciated all the cadets who are attending the camp and exhorted to put in their best efforts to imbibe all the training imparted and use the opportunity to the fullest.

He also encouraged the cadets to contribute positively towards improvement of society, while also highlighting the various opportunities the NCC has to offer to the cadets. The ten-day training will conclude on October 15 next.

CM announced to constitute a consultative committee to safeguard the rights of the indigenous people of Arunachal
YINKIONG, Oct.12:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today announced to constitute a consultative committee to safeguard the rights of the indigenous people of Arunachal following the central government’s proposal for enactment of citizenship (amendment) bill. Joining the BJP’s Sankalp Yatra to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Chief Minister said the committee will bring together all the community based organisations (CBO), civil societies and the students union of the state for consultation on CAB.

Addressing a huge gathering, Chief Minister said the committee will take inputs from the civil society organisations on adding ‘safeguards’ to the proposed CAB bill so that the protections given to the tribal people of Arunachal under Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act of 1873 and Chin Hill Regulations Act, 1896 is not diluted. He said the committee will also be responsible for interpreting the various provisions of the CAB and to add clauses for protection of Arunachali people.

Chief Minister further said Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the recent NEDA meeting at Guwahati had assured that CAB will not override any provisions that have for long protected the rights of the tribal people of the North East. Chief Minister also informed that state government had earlier opposed the CAB expressing its objection that the bill should not be tabled in the parliament without adequately addressing the concerns of the indigenous
people of the state. Speaking on boosting investment in the state, Chief Minister announced to hold an investment summit focused at Arunachali entrepreneurs. He said the objective of the summit will be to encourage Arunachali entrepreneurs to start investing in their own state in newer areas other than constructions. The next step, the Chief Minister said will be directed at outside entrepreneurs. He said the state government also wishes to attempt at different model of investment that aims at joint investment by local and outside entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the tourism prospect of Upper Siang, Chief Minister said Pemakod region in the district is set to attract huge number of tourists from abroad and the country as it is an important Buddhist pilgrimage site and was blessed by Guru Padmasambhava in the 7th century. He also said Buddhist circuit all over the world attracts huge inflow of tourists besides huge importance being given to it by the Govt of India on its development.

Earlier Health Minister Alo Libang and BJP MP Tapir Gao also spoke.

Chief Minister earlier taking part in the Gandhi Sankalp Yatra visited a fish farm area of a local progressive farmer and appreciated the farmer for optimally using the land for pisciculture, animal husbandry and rice cultivation. He also met local BJP workers during the yatra and interacted with them to strengthen the party.

**DCM urged the people of State to dedicate time to fitness and lead a healthy life**

**NAMSAI, Oct.13:**
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein reiterated the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urged the people of State to dedicate time to fitness and lead a healthy life. Mein graced the inaugural function of the second edition of Namsai Champions Trophy organised by Namsai District Football Association here today.

Change your lifestyle and make fitness a daily routine urged Mein and said that Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju have also been inspiring people through his disciplined, fit lifestyle and leading from the front to make fitness a national movement. Along with sportspersons, commoners should also participate actively to stay fit & healthy and make the fit India movement a way of life.

He also advocated for promotion of sports on a serious note while expressing his concern over the youths leaning towards drugs abuse. He said the drug abuse was gaining an alarming proportion which must be contained.

Mein also recalled the legendary footballer of Arunachal Pradesh late Chow Indrajit Namchoom and announced the naming of the stadium coming up at Namsai in his memory. He also announced for naming the Government Polytechnic College, Namsai in memory of former minister and legislator of Namsai C. P. Namchoom.

MLA Namsai Chow Zingnu Namchoom also spoke on the occasion.

MLA Pasighat (West) Ninong Ering, MLA Lekang Jummm Ete Deori, D C Namsai Bijoy Talukdar, Former Commissioner Tape Bagra also attended the event amongst others.

The inaugural match was played between Tafragam FC and Lathao Youths. Tafragam FC won the match by 5-1.

**Tesam Pongte Deputy Speaker and Team of Officers visits moreh**

**ITANAGAR, Oct.13:**
As per direction of Hon’ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brigadier Dr. B. D. Mishra (Retd), a team led by Shri. Tesam Pongte, Hon’ble Deputy Speaker ,and comprising of MLA Shri. Laisam Simai, Shri. Zingnu Namchoom, Shri. Anirudh S. Singh, IRS, Secretary to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri. Tokong Pertin Director and Shri. Soneyung Modi Deputy Director Trade &
Commerce is on a visit to the Border Trade Point at Moreh, Manipur on 13th October, to study the infrastructure, setup, organisation and functioning of the Border Trade Point at Moreh, Manipur.

Tesam Pongte, Deputy Speaker, was declared as a State Guest of Manipur and the team was given a warm welcome by the Govt. of Manipur.

Arunachal Pradesh is strategically placed to act as a land bridge between mainland India and the ASEAN countries because of its geographical position, and there lies a great potential for increasing India’s trade with ASEAN and other border countries through Pangsau Pass under Indo-Myanmar Sector, which can be fruitfully exploited by creating world-class infrastructure for logistics as well as transport. Therefore, the visit to border trade point to study the set-up and functioning of border trade point at Moreh, Manipur will be of impetus for shaping the Border Trade Point at Pangsau Pass through Land Customs Station, Nampong.

The Land Customs Station (LCS), Nampong (Pangsau Pass) was approved and notified by the Govt. of India way back in 1951 which is now lying non-functional. At present, traditional informal low profile trade (trice in a month) is being carried out at Nampong (Pangsau Pass) as permissible under Notification No.4/5/49-49.1 dated 20.04.1950 and even No. dated 20/09/1950 by which the indigenous hill tribes of both India and Burma (Myanmar) living within 40 km were exempted from the requirement of the Indian Passport Rules, 1950. As per latest amended Rule under Free Movement Regime, 40 kms of exempted area is now reduced to 16 kms. It is presently organized on every 10th, 20th & 30th of every month on Myanmar side in the form of melas/bazaars under the supervision of District Administration and Paramilitary forces. Every Friday of the week is declared as “Myanmar Day”, wherein the Myanmarese nationals, both the villagers and the govt. officials come down to Nampong to buy their day-to-day requirement and other essentials.

The team led by Deputy Speaker had called on the Governor of Manipur, Dr. Najma Heptulla on 14th Oct. who extended a warm welcome to the team. During the interaction with the Governor of Manipur, the team shared similar issues related to border trade of Arunachal Pradesh (LCS, Pangsau Pass) and Manipur (ICP/ LCS, Moreh)

The visiting team was call on Chief Minister of Manipur, Shri. N. Biren Singh on 16th, where they shall share their on the spot experience and get more input and advise from Chief Minister of Manipur related to the functioning of Land Customs Station.

Tesam pongte on behalf of the team and Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh expressed their gratitude to the Govt. of Manipur for the hospitality and clock precision tour itinerary arranged for successful visit to ICP/ LCS Moreh to get first hand information so as enable to replicate the same in LCS, Nampong (Pangsau Pass), if found feasible.

DCM extended his best wishes to the people on Satang Potwa (Pavarana)

NAMSAL, Oct 13:
Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein has extended his best wishes to Buddhist community on the auspicious occasion of Satang Potwa (Pavarana) which marked the end of three months rain retreat. While delivering his sermon, Venerable
Vimalatissa underlying the importance of celebration said that Satang Potwa is a day of both historic significance and an opportunity to make merit, benefiting not only the members of the monastic sangha but also lay Buddhists, who are afforded the opportunity to welcome one another with metta—loving-kindness and compassion—thereby enhancing harmony within the community.

Participating in the auspicious occasion at Kongmukham (Golden Pagoda), Mein took part in enshrinement of Nimitta (boundary marks) stone at Sima Hall or SammukKathing (Ordination Hall) in presence of Abbot of Kongmukham, Venerable Vimalatissa.

The Abbot of Kongmukham described that Sima is an important edifice being situated within the consecrated area marked by boundary stones, used for activities relating to disciplinary affairs of the Sangha. It is a technical term, denoting the official boundary of the Ordination hall, a place where the Sangha performs recitation of patimokha or ordinations.

Mein hoped that with coming up of this important and special structure, it would add up to beauty and architectural splendours of Kongmukham where large people at a time can participate in the ordination ceremony.

The day was also observed with Buddhist traditional enthusiasm and zest by Theravada Buddhists throughout the State by performing various meritorious acts. Devotees thronged their temple to undertake the Five or Eight Precepts which also included long period of chanting, paying homage to the Buddha, the Dhamma, and the sangha, accompanied by offerings of food, flowers, incense, lamps, and other items. The ceremony is then concluded by sharing the accumulated merit with relatives and all sentient beings.

The Kathina robe-offering ceremony will be followed soon after the conclusion of Satang Potwa for the monks or nuns who have observed three months rain retreat where lay Buddhist devotees would offer donations to the temples, and in particular new monastic robes, one of the four requisites of monastic life.

Our youth should become job creators instead of job seekers:

Governor

ITANAGAR, Oct.14: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), who is on a three-day tour to West Kameng District, interacted with district officials, Gaon Burahs and public at Balemu, West Kameng District on 14th October last.

The Governor advised the people to avail maximum benefit from the self-sustainable and job-creating schemes and programmes of the State and Central Government. Citing programmes like ‘Stand Up’, ‘Startup’, Make in India etc., he urged upon the senior citizens, particularly the Gaon Burahs to motivate and
guide the youth towards entrepreneurship and self-employment. Take up poultry, piggery, sericulture or vegetable farming, the Governor advised, while stating that they should become job creators instead of job seekers.

The Governor emphasised that the Gaon Burahs should take lead in ensuring that every child above the age of 6 years must go to school. Education for the children is the only way to secure a bright future for the people. He said that the State and Central Governments are doing their duty, now it is the duty of every citizen to see that programmes and projects are implemented on the ground in letter and spirit. He called upon the government officials to be punctual in the duty, come to office in time and meet the public and address their problems and challenges.

Relying to request from the public for mobile connectivity, the Governor said that the Government is pursuing it with the concerned departments. He informed that he has already taken up with Union Minister for Telecommunication but on ground, more coordination is required amongst the road construction agencies so that the optic fibre cables are not cut in the area.

The Governor, who met Consul General of Bhutan at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar recently, urged upon the people to reinforce the age-old good relationship with people of Bhutan. He called for strong mechanism to maintain peace and tranquillity in the area and to instill a sense of security amongst the local population.

Earlier, traditional reception, led the Deputy Commissioner in-charge Shri Gombu Tsering and Superintendent of Police Shri Raja Banthia, IPS, was accorded to the Governor and the First Lady of the State on their arrival at Balemu, the tri-junction of Arunachal Pradesh-Assam and Kingdom of Bhutan.

**Chief Minister inaugurated the 16m RCC Bridge over Yagamso stream**

**ITANAGAR, Oct.14:** Chief Minister Pema Khandu today inaugurated the 16m RCC Bridge over Yagamso stream here at F sector in presence of local MLA Techi Kaso.

Chief Minister said the opening of the bridge comes as a huge relief in easing traffic congestion in the state capital. He said the bridge will ease traffic congestion on NH-415 between RK Mission Hospital to bank tinali with alternate route opening of the southern ring road traffic from RKM hospital to Zero point.

Chief Minister appreciated the state PWD department for completing the work 2 months ahead from the target date of completion. He said in the coming days to ease traffic congestion, alternate route through ESS sector will also be opened by March 2020. The traffic along that route had been shut due to the landslide on which work has already been started, informed the CM.

He further informed that Rs 100 Cr has been placed for improvement of all sectorial roads in the state capital region. Also within five years, CM said all the internal roads in the administrative headquarters across the state will also be improved.

Chief Minister further said road communication is always a priority for state government and work is going on full swing despite only few months of working season available due to monsoon.

**Governor addresses Army personnel**

*Be physically fit, professionally competent and enhance your battle worthiness: Governor to troops*

**ITANAGAR, Oct.15:** The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd) addressed the officers and troops, station in the 5 Mountain Division at Rupa on 14th October last. Major General S.C Mohanty and officers and troops of ‘Ball of Fire’ Division were present on the occasion.
Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that India is now on March as a strong nation, Indian Armed Forces Jawans are the foundation of it. He exhorted them to be physically fit, professionally competent and enhance their battle worthiness.

The Governor said that secured national frontiers are the prerequisites for a progressive nation and strength behind the secured border is the Indian Armed Forces soldiers. Therefore, he said, each and every soldier has huge responsibility towards the security of the nation. While reposing his confidence in the soldiers, he said that patriotism is imbibed in all the officers and troops of ‘Ball of Fire’ Division.

Sharing his experience of 1962 war, 1965 war, 1971 war, Indian Peace Keeping Force Operations in Sri Lanka Operation and Kargil war, the Governor said that today the troops have better weapons, amenities and better scope for promotion. He advised them to avail of it and prepare themselves even for the ultimate sacrifice for the territorial security of the country.

As a goodwill gesture, the Governor felicitated the youngest officer of the Division, Lt. Nishit Jalan of 30 Rajput, youngest Naik Subedar Rajendra Singh of 14 Raj Rif and youngest soldier Sipahi Ravi Chauhan of 30 Rajput. Meanwhile, the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra interacted with ladies of the Army Wives’ Association at Tenga House, Tenga. She exhorted them to learn about the unique traditions and cultural heritage of the Arunachal Pradesh indigenous communities.

Sharing her experience, the First Lady of the State informed that after coming to Arunachal Pradesh, she has learned traditional loin loom weaving. She advised the ladies to know about the exotic handicrafts, textile and handlooms of Arunachal Pradesh and connect themselves with the local communities.

**Gao attends 3rd Convocation of APU; Calls for pursuit of excellence & self-belief**

**PASIGHAT, Oct.15:**

Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao has called upon students for pursuing excellence with a futuristic mindset in one’s chosen fields to achieve success in life. He also stressed on efforts of all stakeholders including private universities to make Pasighat in particular and Arunachal Pradesh in general an educational hub for quality higher education.

Gao was addressing as the Chief Guest on the occasion of 3rd Convocation ceremony of Apex Professional University (APU) here at CHF Auditorium on 15th Oct. He said that after getting equipped with the academic knowledge and skills imparted by your learned faculty, the real world awaits you with its challenges, which you have to face with self-confidence. "Congratulating the students, gao said “Spread out your wings as the Sky is the limit.” He also exhorted them to explore opportunities in various sectors, to be enterprising and create self-employment opportunities. He said that we should not only seek Government employment, as it almost saturated. Expand your horizon and be a job provider adding that with self-belief and hardwork are the mantra to be successful in life. He added that as responsible member of society, it is also their social responsibility that their works also benefits the poorest of the poor.

Earlier, Minister Health & Family Welfare, GoAP, Alo Libang, delivering as the Guest of Honour, said that discipline and dedication will take you ahead in life and asked them to remember the contribution and sacrifice made by their teachers and parents and urged to make them proud through your achievement in your chosen field and as a responsible citizen through your conduct. He asked APU to make all efforts to provide the best of quality education in the state. Director, Higher & Technical Education, GoAP, Dr. T. Talom was also felicitated on the occasion.

Earlier, Chancellor, APU, Dr. Acharya Dhanwant Singh, also called upon them to be lifelong students and march ahead in life with spirit of teamwork, lifeskills, innovative think-
ing Dean, College of Horticulture & Forestry, Dr. B.N. Hazarika also spoke on the need to make Pasighat an education hub.

Earlier, the academic procession was led by the Registrar, APU, V.S. Moray. Other highlights were award of University Gold Medals, tree plantation at APU campus. Earlier, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ashok Kumar, presented the annual report of the APU which began functioning from May 10, 2013 in Pasighat. He also informed of the various courses offered, activities undertaken adding that many of the alumni are now gainfully employed in various capacities. He also informed that Medical College for Naturopathy is proposed to be set up by APU, which he hoped would contribute towards Medical Tourism. The 3rd convocation of APU was held for the batch of B.A. and B.Sc. 2016-19, MA & MSc of 2017-19 and B.Lib & M.Lib of 2018-19 and also LLB 2016-19.

Governor participates in the Chindang Festival celebration
ITANAGAR, Oct.15:

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra participated in the Chindang Festival celebration at Songji Ground, Nafra, on 14th October. Extending his festival greetings, the Governor expressed his hope that the festival will usher-in development, peace and prosperity. He commended the festival committee for organising the 28th Central Chindang Festival in a grand manner. The Governor called upon the people to protect, preserve and promote their cultural heritage. He advised the youth to actively participate in the celebration.

Addressing the mammoth gathering, the Governor said that the development depends on two aspects, which are very much in the hand of the people. First, education and second proper implementation of developmental programmes and projects, he said.

The Governor called upon the elders of the society, parents and guardians to ensure that every child of the age of 6 years and above goes to school. Emphasizing on the education of girl child, the Governor said that society progresses when women are educated, empowered and respected. He stressed on making every girl child capable of standing on her own feet. He said that there are a lot of developmental programmes and projects for the people, particularly for rural areas. He urged upon the populace to avail of maximum benefit from these schemes of the State and Central Governments.

The Governor said that if every person in the society actively gets involved in the process by ensuring transparency, accountability, honesty, review and audit and wherever required mid-course correction, the State of Arunachal Pradesh will be most progressive State in the entire country.

A colourful cultural programme showcasing the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Sajolang Tribe was presented on the occasion. Amidst chanting of prayers, Geji Guro (Chindang offering) was distributed amongst the participants.

Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge), Shri Kiren Rijiju, Shri Phurpa Tsering, MLA, Dirang, Shri Dorjee Wangdi Kharma, MLA, Kakaktang, Shri Dongru Siongju, MLA, Bomdila-Nafra, Shri Gombu Tsering, DC, In-charge, SP Shri Raja Banthia and Shri Kesang Ngurup Damo, ADC, Nafra were present on the occasion amongst others.

District Level Patrol leaders Training Camp Held
ROING, Oct 16:

A District Level Patrol leaders Training Camp 2019 for Scout and Guide was organized at Govt. Upper Primary School, Kangkong on 11th and 12th Oct 2019.

The purpose of the patrol leaders training is to equip
the participants with skills and to provide them with opportunities for good leadership. 33 participants of Scout and Guide attended from 5 government schools of Bolung, Jia, Koronu, Abali and Kangkong. DTO Somit Mena, Chairman (SMC) Simyon Ngupok and Headmaster Olik Lego along with 8 unit leaders, 5 Scout/Guide volunteers and 4 cooks who offered their services during the camp, attended the programme.

During the camp Scout/Guide were imparted training on history of the movement, fundamentals, purpose, principles, patrol leaders role and responsibility, patrol corner, patrol system, patrol flag, patrol game, patrol call, uniform, patrol council, BP Six exercise, flag procedure, hiking, camping, troup game, knotting skill, first aid, action song, clapping etc.

Governor visits State Horticulture Farm, Trout Hatching Farm, Shergaon
ITANAGAR, Oct 16:
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) visited the State Horticulture Farm and Trout Hatching Farm, Shergaon on 16th October 2019. Shergaon Horticulture farm is an elite institution for cultivation of temperate fruit crops of the State. Apple is the main fruit crop grown at the farm. More than 40 varieties of apple are grown. Besides apple, minor fruit crops such as Plum, Pears, Chestnut, Cherry, Walnut, Persimmon are also grown in the Farm. At Shergaon, the Governor also visited the Trout Hatching Farm, which was established in 1979. It produces Trout Ova, which is regarded as the best table fish of the coldwater in the country.

Interacting with the farmers, horticulturists and officials, the Governor complimented the management of the farm for their good work. He emphasized that the latest scientific methods and techniques must be imparted to the villages, particularly the youth to encourage them towards entrepreneurship in the field of horticulture and fruit production. He said that every citizen, be he a farmer in remote village, or youth in the rural area or an official in town, has a role to play in the progress and development of the State. Each one of them must ensure that every developmental programme and project are implemented with transparency, accountability, honesty, audit and review and wherever required mid course correction. He called for concerted effort from all in making Arunachal Pradesh the most progressive State amongst the 28 States of India.

The Governor reiterated that Goan Burahs, elders in the society, parents and guardians must ensure that every child above the age of 6 years goes to school. He said that literate society is prerequisite for a developed society.

During her maiden visit to Shergaon, the First Lady of the State interacted with the loin loom weavers who have been practicing the age-old tradition of loin loom weaving.

The First lady of the State advised the women to teach their children the traditional practice of Loin Loom locally. She also asked them to get their ‘Weaver’s Card’ made, which will help them get yarns and other facilities from State and Central Government schemes.

Sharing her experiences in Loin Loom weaving, which she learned after coming to Arunachal Pradesh, the First Lady of the State said that she is experimenting with different natural dyes to give natural colours to yarns for loin loom use.

To promote loin loom weaving and motivate the women, she distributed yarns to the lady weavers on the occasion.

‘HINDI KO SALAAM’ programme held at Tawang
TAWANG, Oct 16:
The Arunachal Hindi Sansthan Itanagar, organized programme ‘HINDI KO SALAAM’.

HINDI KO SALAAM” programme held at Tawang
today at Kalawangpo convention hall Tawang. Shri Jambey Tashi MLA Lungla attended the programme as Chief guest while Shri Tai Tagak, Principal Advisor to Chief Minister Arunachal Pradesh and also the Chief Advisor of Arunachal Hindi Sansthan attended the programme as Guest of Honour besides many distinguished guests from Itanagar students from various schools of Tawang, Dorjee Khandu Govt College Tawang and general public. The Arunachal Hindi sansthan started working in 1994 under the initiatives of the then Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Mata Prasad.

Shri Tatam Sonia, Chairman Arunachal Hindi Sansthan in his address said Arunachal Pradesh is a diverse state with all its 26 major tribes and hundreds of sub tribe speaking their own dialect or language but lacked a common language of its own. He emphatically said that in the given context of Arunachal Pradesh not having a common language, Hindi has come in to fill that vacuum. He further said that while promotion of hindi is very important for people to people contact in the larger context, preservation and use of native languages/dialects of Arunachal is also equally important.

Chief Advisor Arunachal Hindi Sansthan Shri Tai Tagak in his address said Hindi is the language of National integration and national identity. He said use of hindi language evokes a sense of pride among its speakers, he asked the young students present in the programme to use hindi in their day to day lives with pride.

Chief Guest of the programme MLA Lungla Shri Jambey Tashi in his speech said most developed countries use their national language in the conduct of international engagements. Similarly India can also progress and achieve its goal with the use of Hindi. He said Arunachalees have accepted Hindi with pride and made it link between people to people contact. He further congratulated the Arunachal Hindi Sansthan for organizing such programme in Tawang.

The BEO Nabam Shelly informed that the essay competition has been conducted with an aim to bring awareness on the ill effects of drug addiction on the youths especially the school students. The participants were briefed in detail about the destructions that drug addicts might bring to family members.

Among others the function was attended by Geli Kamki, vice principal GHSS Itanagar, Kipa Kechek APO and all the staffs of the office of DDSE ICC and GHSS Itanagar.

Amum Tamuk Asstt Prof, Nabaratna Bhagawati Asstt Prof both from DNGC and RD Singh, PGT GHSS Doimukh were among the panel of judges.

The event was organised by the Office of the DDSE ICC.

**District Level National Children Science Congress-2019 held ITANAGAR, Oct. 18:** District Level National Children Science Congress-2019 was conducted today on the theme Science and Innovation A clean, Green and Healthy Nation at the Auditorium of Govt. Higher Secondary School Itanagar. Saumik Bera and Bakin Nash of VKV Chimpu were adjudged the winner and Tarh Mala and Royan Gumsar of VKV Nirjuli were adjudged as 1st Runner Up. There was a tie for 2nd Runners Up between Tojom Ete and Darang Sangbia from DPS and Nyayir Riba and Jumyir Bogo from DBS. A total of nine teams representing various schools participated in the event.

A District Level Essay Writing Competition on the topic Awareness on Drug Addiction was also conducted simultaneously.

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DA, Tourism Conducts Interactive Session with Hoteliers and Home Stay Owners

AALO, Oct.18:
In its effort to provide better hotel and home stay facilities to foreign and domestic tourists in the district, an interactive session with Hoteliers and Home Stay Owners was conducted by the Department of Tourism under the Chairmanship of West Siang Deputy Commissioner Smti Swetika Sachan at Conference Hall of DC Office today.

The Dc stressed on hospitality, proper parking place, amenities in all hotels and home stays, installation of CCTV in all locations to promote tourism in the district. The hotels and Home Stay owners should furnish report of arrival and departure of foreign and domestic tourists in the district to DTO and police for onward submission to the govt. While highlighting the objective behind the meeting, the District Tourism Officer Shri T.K. Kopak said that Aalo is among the important Transit Tourist Circuits of the state and effort should be made by the Hoteliers and Home Stay Owners to give best possible services to tourists to enhance

The Resource Persons, Dr. Jombom Kato and OC PS Aalo Shri Riram dwelt at length on Food safety measures in hotels and law and order related issues in hotel and home stays. The members representing hotels and Home Stays of Aalo also gave useful suggestions.

Seminar on National Security to create awareness among youth

PASIGHAT, Oct.18:
A Seminar on the theme of National Security and its challenges was held today here at Conference hall, Upper Campus JNC, with the objective to create awareness among the youth in particular and citizens of the country on National Security. The meeting was attended by students and faculty members among others.

The outreach programme was organized by the NGO, Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS), which its stated objective as a forum for awareness on National Security.

Delivering his keynote address, President FANS, Lt. Gen(Retd), Dr. Raj Nandan Singh, PVSM, AVSM, also dwelt on the role of local populace in safeguarding the country while also referring to raising of Arunachal Scouts, as one of the steps in the direction. He highlighted on security scenario of the country adding that awareness of citizens will also contribute to the protection of both internal and external security for maintaining and promoting the peace and progress of our Motherland, India.

Chief Guest, Vice-Principal, J.N. College, Dr. S.D. Choudhary, also dwelt on various facets challenging the national security like face currency by forces inimical to the interest of the nation and other expressed his opinion on various issues. The unity and security of the nation is of utmost importance, he emphasized during his speech.

Earlier, National General Secretary (organisation), FANS, GolokBihari Rai also spoke of India’s growing stature in the global scenario. He also spoke on India’s role in regional stability and India’s efforts in promoting economic, diplomatic and trade ties with countries including in strengthening age-old cultural ties.

Earlier, Dr. Narang Tari, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, JNC extended the welcome address to the participants.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein inspected the flood affected

CHONGKHAM, Oct. 19:
As the whole Chongkham area is located in flood prone area, the Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein today inspected the flood affected areas at Chongkham – 4, Gunanagar,
Kherem, Alubari and Kamlang river downstream of Lohit bridge here. During his visit, he assured to take up flood protection measures in phase wise manner and for a rope suspension bridge over Teang river to connect Chongkham 4 with Chongkham 2 and other villages across the river. He also made a surprise inspection to the Community Health Centre and Govt. Higher Secondary School, Chongkham. He was impressed with the tidy maintenance of the CHC and lauded the medical staffs for the same. He assured for a new 2 plus G Hospital building and for renovation of the old hospital buildings. He also said to provide fund from his Local Area Development Fund for solar water pumping system, for a sweeper and a contingency driver for the hospital.

Sensing that some of the class room’s buildings are in dilapidated conditions as it were built in NEFA days and the school is also want of a multipurpose hall, he assured to provide the same to the school. He also said to convert the present open hall into an administrative block for the principal office and teaching staffs common rooms.

Mein also visited the Farmer Training Centre at Kherem and he was dismayed to find that large numbers of Rubber saplings that have been developed in the FTC Kherem over the last two years have over grown and left without distributing to the needy farmers. He lamented the agriculture department for its failure to distribute the saplings to the needy growers across the State in time. He further assured to provide fund for a water lifting system for the FTC Kherem for irrigation purpose and asked the Deputy Director Agriculture (Training), Shri Vikash Biswas to develop a demonstration plot cum nursery for dwarf varieties of Arecanut in FTC Kherem.

Later, Mein attended the Sarkar Aapke Dwar organized by the district administration at Alubari and visited various stalls put up by the departments and called upon the people to take benefits of such program and urged them to discard single use plastics and keep the surroundings free from plastics.

Top ULFA (I) cadre nabbed in Changlang.

CHANGLANG, Oct. 19:
The Changlang Battalion of Assam Rifles apprehended a top ULFA (I) cadre on 19/10/19 in a joint operation with Changlang police which was lasted for one week and recovered huge cache of arm and ammunition and other war like materials from his possession. Based on intelligence input of own sources, Changlang based Assam Rifles launched a special operation in coordination with district police in the suspected areas in Khimiyang, Yanman, Ngoitang and several adjoining areas and finally nabbed the cadre from general area of Jongphohate after intense operation for a week long engagement.

During a preliminary interrogation, the apprehended cadre revealed his identity as self styled Lance Corporal Rupanto Moran (30), resident of Tinsukia district, Assam. The cadre also disclosed that he joined the ULFA (I) outfit organization in 2016 and underwent rigorous physical and weapon training at notorious Taga Camp in Myanmar under guidance and instruction of top rank ULFA (I) outfit organization including SS Commander-in-Chief of ULFA (I). The apprehended cadre is very proficient in Burmese, Assamese, Bengali, Tamil, Malayali, Hindi and English languages. Before joining in the outfit organisa-
tion, the cadre had served as private security guard in Chennai for three years.

Security force recovered 1 MQ assault rifle with Magazine, 49 rounds live ammunition, combat dress and other war like materials from his possession. The apprehended insurgent was planning to carry out a major subversive activities against the security forces. It is a major blow to outfit organization which thwarted their evil design.

Pema Khandu attended the foundation day celebration of Rama Krishna Mission Hospital

ITANAGAR, Oct.19:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today attended the foundation day celebration of Rama Krishna Mission Hospital here in presence of Health Minister Alo Libang, PHE Minister Wangki Lowang and Daporijo MLA Tanya Soki. Also commemorating the hospital’s 40 years of service to Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister inaugurated the Obstetrics Ward and the first ever blood component separation unit in the state.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said RK Mission Hospital is rendering valuable service to the state by meeting the healthcare needs of the people. He said it was on this day that hospital was formally inaugurated and declared open by Swami Vireshwaranandaji Maharaj, the 10th President of the RK Mission. He said the hospital has grown from being a simple dispensary to a multidisciplinary hospital. To strengthen the hospital, Chief Minister said the state government is willing to work with the RKM hospital on public-private partnership (PPP) mode to expand the hospital’s capacity to 300-bedded hospital. He said the state government is ready to assist the hospital in terms of infrastructure and funds for manpower.

Chief Minister said the state government also wishes to connect the hospital with Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Chief Minister Arogya Arunachal Yojana, health benefit schemes of the centre and the state government respectively. He said the coverage under both the scheme has reached around 1 lakh household in the state and the RKM Hospital being covered under the scheme will immensely benefit the people.

To strengthen the health services in the state, Chief Minister said the state government under Mukhya Mantri Rogi Kalyan kosh provides grant in aid for medicine procurement and infrastructure. He informed that the health department has banned all central procurement of medicines and now will be procured from the district level. He said this will enable the respective districts to place their procurement as per their needs and enable people to have free medicines.

Chief Minister further announced that state government will soon open another medical college in Pasighat. He also announced that state government will be expanding the 50-bedded TRIHMS institute to 100-bed. Besides expanding health services, it will also increase the intake of medical students in the institute, said the CM.

Health Minister Libang also spoke on the occasion.

Extortion case busted with arrest of two faked UG

JAIRAMPUR, Oct 20:
Based on intelligence input about extortion activities in the name of UG groups in Jairampur area under Changlang district, a police team lead by SI Umeshan.C OC was constituted under the close supervision of SP Changlang Mihin Gambo.

Based on the description given by the sources the identity of one suspected person was established and narrowed down his location at outskirt of Jairampur town. After meticulous planning, the police team conducted a raid in the residence of suspected person at wee hours on 18/10/19 and apprehended
the accused identified as Mr Abu Shankey alias Wabong Shankey, (21) yrs resident of Jairampur circle.

In course of sustained interrogation, the accused admitted his involvement in the extortions and he also revealed the identity of his associates. Based on the fact revealed by the accused, his associates Mr Mandang Hacheng (23) yrs resident of Jairampur circle has been nabbed in another raid conducted by police team at outskirt of Jairampur town.

In further interrogation, both the arrested accused admitted to have committed illegal activities of extortions in the name of NSCN outfit and created terror in the mind of peace loving public and business community of Jairampur area.

With the arrest of both the accused who faked themselves as members of outfit organisation, the Jairampur PS C/No. 9/19 U/S 384/506 IPC has been worked out.

SFS College Organize First Ever National Seminar

AALO, Oct 21:
The department of Geography SFS College organized its first ever National Seminar in collaboration with FAsCE India Guwahati on theme "Environment Sustainability": Issues and Challenges" on 19th October last. Principal Fr. Vipin George, Resource Person Dr. Sailajananda Saiikia Associate professor Department of Geography, Rajiv Gandhi University spoke on value of such seminar. A good number of papers were presented from both within and outside Arunachal Pradesh.

The Technical session was chaired by Dr. Biman Lahkar, Assistant Professor Department of Geography, Dibrugarh University. The certificates and mementoes were presented to paper presenters and participants during the Valedictory Function.

Week Long Awareness Programme on School Safety Concludes

ROING, Oct. 21:
A 7 day’s long community awareness/school safety programme with special focus on earthquake, flood and fire safety measures concluded today at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Roing.

Safety tips on fire, flood, landslide and earthquake was demonstrated and pamphlets were distributed to all members during the programme.

The DDMO highlighted the importance of the programme and appealed to the participants to take full benefit of the demonstrations and learn the safety tips. He also appealed to the school authorities to install school safety equipments like fire extinguishers, sand buckets etc and prepare a School Disaster Management Plan. The DDMO further appealed to the students to use minimum number of crackers in this coming Dipawali festival to avoid any fire accident and air pollution.

The week long programme started on 14th October 2019 at Govt. Sec. School, Dambuk saw the participation of 2500 students, GBs, SMCs, villagers and officials from educational department.

CCI approves infrastructure development worth 25000 crores

ITANAGAR, Oct. 21:
The Cabinet Committee for Infrastructure (CCI) met for the second time here today under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Pema Khandu and approved proposals worth Rs 25000 crore for infrastructure development in the state. The approved proposal is for taking up capital works pertaining to various departments across the state.

Rs 1100 crores has been earmarked for upgradation of road infrastructure of the state capital complex and all district headquarters besides road connectivity to all ADC/SDO headquarters over the next 3 years. It has also been decided that the existing Itanagar-Jote road would upgraded as State Highway.CCI
has doubled the allocation for Horticulture projects pertaining to Kiwi, Orange, Large Cardamom, etc from the existing 30 crores to 60 crores. It has been decided that a major component of such grant would be given to the farmer directly by way of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The Committee has directed for revival of all defunct cold processing units at Namsai, Pasighat and Bhalukpong.

Proposal for introducing 10 electric buses between Itanagar and Naharlagun on pilot basis in partnership with NTPC has been approved to bring relief to commuters and promote eco-friendly mode of transportation. The number of buses would be increased in subsequent years. CCI also approved creation of a new DSP Traffic Cell for the capital complex to oversee and regulate traffic. Construction of district secretariat complexes has been approved in all newly created district headquarters. Also, approval has been accorded in principle for construction of a united directorate complex and integrated office complex of all Commissioners of the state government in the state capital. All urban townships would soon have LED street lights with its commissioning approved today.

The CCI approved project proposals worth Rs 75 crore of the department of TCL, upgradation of power infrastructure, water supply projects in all newly created district headquarters, upgradation of Police Training Center at Banderdewa and comprehensive scheme for providing public amenities in all major townships such as litter bins, loaders and street furniture. Reconstruction of damaged Bailey bridges over Subansiri River at Daporijo, Kamle River at Raga and Kume River at Tali has also been approved besides the revival of mega food parks at Banderdewa and Tippi and creation of multipurpose convention halls on pre-engineered/pre-fabricated models.

Meanwhile, the CCI took a very strong view of the projects which are progressing slowly, where there has been unapproved change in scope of work, where there is substantial deviation between estimated costs and price discovered through tendering. It was decided that accountability will be fixed for such kind of deviations on the officers concerned with such projects.

Other proposals approved today includes augmentation of water supply at Rajiv Gandhi University, Dimpukh and notified urban centers, creation of tourist wayside amenities at important lakes, setting up of 400 KV HT Line and external infrastructure development at Hollongi airport site, additional funds for completing the EWS houses at four key townships namely Chimpu, Dirang, Bomdila and Palin, accelerating ongoing works of stadiums at Chimpu, Aalo and Tezu, upgradation and improvement of existing football grounds at Nari in Lower Siang district, construction of new police headquarters, commissioning of 3 newly notified police stations at Gohpur, Chimpu and Niti Vihar, upgradation of existing PHC at Nyapin to Community Health Center, a state of the art State Load Dispatch Center to bring greater efficiency in management of power infrastructure and reduce transmission and distribution losses and construction of toilets at 2700 Anganwadi centers at a cost of Rs 20,000 per toilet.

Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day observed

NAHARLAGUN, Oct 21: Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day was observed throughout the state on 21/10/2019 with a host of activities at different districts of the state, to bring about awareness among the masses on the Importance of Iodised Salt for prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

At the state headquarters, a seminar on “A Day with Salt Traders” was held for Salt traders, chaired by Dr.M.Lego, Director of Health
Services, Naharlagun at DHS Conference Hall, Naharlagun. Mr Tom Koyu, Technical Asst (IDD) delivered the welcome address. A different aspect of National IDD Control Programme was addressed by Dr.L.Jampa, State Epidemiologist cum SNO (NCD, Mr.C.W.Chaklap, Dy.Director of Civil Supplies, Mr.U.K.Mitra, Dy. Commissioner (FoodSafety), Ms.L.Singpho, Food Safety Officer and Mr.P.N.Mazumdar, SPO (IDD).

The salt traders were asked to stock iodised salt packets in dry covered places away from moisture and sell only Iodised Salt. It was also emphasised that lack of Iodine in Salt may lead to a host of irreversible manifestation of Iodine deficiency and therefore everyone should consume only “Iodised Salt”. Mr.NgurangTakar, SA (IDD) presented the vote of thanks to the gathering.

Er.Tumke Bagra inaugurated the maiden Arunachal Handloom Fest ZIRO, Oct 21:

Minister Industries, Textile and Handicraft, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Er.Tumke Bagra inaugurated the maiden Arunachal Handloom Fest today at Nago Putu, Ziro.

Speaking on the occasion Er.Tumke Bagra said, we tribal people are inherently good weavers. Our patterns have been showcased on national and international platforms and received good reviews. We must now work upon to use these intricate patterns to create clothing lines that are wearable and economically viable. He added ,the Departments of Textiles, Handlooms Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will leave no stones unturned to provide our youths with opportunity to skill themselves with various trades, while appealing to the unemployed youths of the state to be entrepreneurs and not just wait for government jobs.

Also vouching for taking up production of fabrics like silk, which is highly priced and in demand, he added the topographic conditions of Arunachal Pradesh is very conducive for the growth of sericulture development. I encourage all weaver communities to explore this fabric. Er.TageTaki, Minister Agriculture and Horticulture, e.t.c.stressed on the need to preserve the originality of each weave pattern of different tribes along with incorporating modern designs. “Our weave patterns are our identity, each tribe has its unique pattern and it should be maintained in its purity,”he added.

Smt.Sandhya Raman, Founder Director Desmania, Chief Designer and Marketing Consultant, AWFED while presenting a talk on Re-looking Handloom in today’s perspective said that the weaves of Arunachal Pradesh are done with absolute precision and wonderful colour patterns. What is necessary is to create sustainable fashion in terms of longevity of the design and Marketing Viability. “Shri Mahendra Singh Payaal, Head Project (NE), National Skill Development Cooperation, Govt. of India also highlighted the activities under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The three day event is being organised by Arunachal Pradesh State Weavers Cooperative Federation, Ltd. (AWFED) in collaboration with Department of Cooperation, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. AWFED is a federal organisation where all the distinct unique and varied patterns and designs of Handloom culture have been clustered. This body also provides a platform to all the budding designers to showcase their talents. AWFED started in 2012 with a mere one lakh share capital today has an annual turnover of Rs.12.11 crore.

International Handloom Fashion shows By Designers Smt.Sandhya Raman and Miss Rikyi Romin, performances by TokoTeji and David Anguand veteran singer Hage Ade and cultural programs by various tribes marked the inaugural program.
Also 36 stalls by weavers Multipurpose Cooperative Society and 20 ethnic food Stalls were set up at picturesque Nago Putu adding festivity to the celebrations.

Among others Deputy Commissioner shri Chukhu Takar, SP Dr. Hemant Tiwari, Mr.R.D Thungon, General Manager, ICDP -II, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, representatives from TSD, HoDs, Goan buras and Goan buris and public attended the program.

APSCW organizes legal awareness program

PASIGHAT, Oct 21:
One day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Itanagar here on 21st Oct. at the Pasighat CHF auditorium in collaboration with the East Siang District Administration in association with the National Commission for Women (NCW).

In her keynote address, APSCW Chairperson Radhilu Chai Techi said the main aim of the program was to empower women and girls with the knowledge of their legal rights and duties, ultimately to be able to lead stress-free progressive and healthy life. She reiterated APSCW’s demand to make registration of marriages compulsory under the law in the State pointing out that hundreds of cases have been received by the commission related to marriages but due to lack of registration, husband-wife disputes remain unresolved or partially resolved.

The chairperson further informed that APSCW members raising their voice has demanded the state government for compulsory reservation in jobs and panchayat, municipal and assembly elections for women. “We are economically dependent on our male counterparts subjected to various injustices but most issues of women would be resolved if we are made stronger and financially independent”, asserted the chairperson. She urged the Protection Officer and women activists to spread the message of women rights and its value in the society so that every one could lodge complaint fearlessly against injustice and extend all possible support to the victims instead of protecting culprits. “If rapes cases are reported, NGOs have to work harder to guide the victim for police complaint followed by immediate medical test etc helping the police in investigation” she added and expressed hope that the state government would setup forensic laboratory in state so that justice is delivered to the victims promptly. She also advised the Gaon Buras to act rightly without any favour and avoid to intervene court matters. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh appreciated the pro-active role being played by the Commission members and asked them to cooperate with the administration with their constructive suggestions and interventions.

Session judge J. Chai threw lights on customary practices in Arunachal Pradesh with special emphasis on land and marriage laws with PPT.

SP Rajiv Ranjan Singh informed that Pasighat is all set get independent Women Police Station soon. Police would be ever ready to extend help to NGOs and CBOs in making East Siang crime free including narcotics and gambling. Police team were working hard and solved many cases in recent days.

Among others, DR-CHO Dr. T. Gao gave presentation on mental health and menstrual hygiene. APSCW members Techi Hunmai and Hoksum Ori who accompanied the chairperson during the meeting elaborated the power and functions of APSCW and function of Women NGOs respectively. Advocate Karmu Chotton briefed on compulsory registration of marriage and free legal aid, maternity benefit Act 1961.

East Siang DC Dr. Kinny Singh, Session judge J. Chai, SP Rajiv Ranjan Singh, DD (ICDS) PE Angu, women activists, NGOs, SHGs, officers and students actively attended the programme.
East Siang District Administration launches intensified ILP checking drive at Ruksin and 2-Mile check gate

PASIGHAT, Oct 22:
Taking serious note of the influx of outsiders to Pasighat township without valid Inner Line Permit (ILP), Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kinny Singh has directed the magistrates and police to conduct intensive drive for checking of ILP. Singh also directed the Executive Magistrates to conduct hearing of detected violators on the spot and pass necessary orders as deemed fit under the provisions of BEFR 1873. They should ensure that anybody who is not a bonafide resident of Arunachal Pradesh must have a valid ILP to enter the state, the order read.

Meanwhile, magistrates and police on duty deported about two hundred persons while 143 violators were penalized and issued temporary ILP realizing about forty thousand till filing of this report. Extending help to the visitors, District Administration has setup a temporary ILP issuing counter at the 2-Mile check gate. The process of checking ILP will continue and offenders fail to produce valid documents will be extern out from the East Siang jurisdiction, official source added.

Meeting on Greenfield Airport at Holongi held

ITANAGAR, Oct. 23:
A meeting was held to discuss the peripheral works to be done by State Government for Greenfield Airport at Holongi under the Chaimanship of Chief Secretary Shri. Naresh Kumar in presence of Commissioner Power G.S.Mee, Secretary Civil Aviation S.K.Jain, Secretary PWD Y.W.Ringu, concerned Chief Engineers and other stake holders at CS Conference Hall, Civil Secretariat, Itanagar today.

While emphasizing on quality works and also to avoid unnecessary pressure on State ex-chequer, Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar has directed all the executing departments to submit genuine estimates in their DPRs. During the discussion on construction of 2.5 Kilometre Approach Road to Holongi Airport from National Highway, CS asked the PWD (executing agency) to plan and execute a road with global standard. Good landscaping with a scope for green plantation/vegetation with proper lighting could be included in the DPR, he suggested.

Various other points were also taken up during the course of meeting like bulk power supply, bulk water supply; construction of boundary wall, shifting of High Tension Line etc.

CS suggested the engineers to prepare Detailed Project Reports in such a manner that there is scope for expansion in future. He further directed concerned departments to not delay further and carry out the assigned works at the earliest so that the works of the Greenfield Airport in Holongi is completed within the committed timeframe of the Airport Authority of India that is March 2022.

Deputy Speaker inaugurates 53rd College Day Celebrations of JNC

PASIGHAT, Oct. 23:
Deputy Speaker, Tesam Pongte, today inaugurated the 53rd College Day Celebrations –Hill Top Radiance here at College Ground, Lower Campus, JNC.

Addressing the students and faculty members and the college community as a whole, the Deputy Speaker, called upon the students to work hard and devote their time productively and shoulder their future responsibility to contribute to the development and progress of the state and the nation in general. Pongte also took the opportunity to highlight the pro-farmer and pro-people initiatives of the State Government. He also referred to the initiatives to promote transparency and corruption free Governance under the present Government adding that introduction of Arunachal
Pradesh Staff Selection Board has provided a level playing field for all aspirants, which can be achieved through means of hardwork and merit only. Recruitment of all Group A & B posts is being done through APPSC.

Government has also sanctioned fund for construction of additional Boys and Girls Hostels for JNC, he added. Speaking on the importance of the annual event of the College, he said that various cultural, sports and literary competitive activities also help you to face challenges ahead in their life with positive attitude. Such events also inculcate discipline and promote sportsmanship spirit and unity. "You all are privileged to be studying in the pioneer college of the state," he said.

Local MLA, Kal-ing Moyong, in his address, also laid importance on merit based performance adding that merit is the only criteria to achieve success adding that State Government under leadership of Pema Khandu has taken concrete steps for transparent and merit based recruitment through Staff Selection Board."Make you parents proud of you by your hardwork and live upto their expectations," he exhorted the students. Mentioning the infrastructural upgradation and revamping of the college infrastructure, particularly hostel facilities of the JNC by the state government including augmentation of water and reliable power supply and good road connectivity, he said State Government is taking all steps to provide facilities in the campus to provide best of conducive academic environment.

He also urged the students to explore scopes in the tourism sector and take inspiration from success stories in tourism sector by enterprising youth and people of the state. MLA also urged students for promoting and maintaining the cleanliness and sanitation of their hostel premises in the spirit of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Earlier, Principal, JNC, Dr. Milorai Modi, in his welcome address, also highlighted that the oldest college of the state, JNC was established in 1964 with the stated objective to provide quality education with focus on academic excellence and practical skills has now students strength of 3700—both UG & PG— and 74 faculty members. JNC has introduced BA in Sociology this academic year while MA English will be begin from next academic session adding that courses like sales management are also incorporated.

Earlier, T. Mize, General Secretary, JNC also submitted a memorandum for fund provision for construction of Main Entrance Gate for Upper Campus.

Around 1000 saplings planted

TEZU, Oct. 23:

Lohit Forest Division in collaboration with the Lohit District Administration, NGOs etc. organized Green Avenue Plantation drive alongside the National Highway from TCP point (Near Tezu Airport) to Tezu market on 23rd October and planted around 1000 saplings of Bhakul, Bohera, Hilika, Arjun etc. Lohit DC, Shri Prince Dhawan, Assistant Commissioner, Shri Sunny Kumar Singh, HoDs, Goan Buras, NGOs, Bullet clubs etc. participated in the programme with great enthusiasm.
The plantation drive was organized as a part of Green Avenue Plantation Programme initiated by the Hon'ble MP, Shri Tapir Gao, which was started from Tezu Nallah on 23rd August last in presence of MLAs, DCs, HoDs, Gaon Buras, NGOs & Public in sideline of the District Infrastructure Scheme Advisory Committee (DISHA) meeting at Tezu. All together 2000 Nos. of saplings were successfully planted alongside the highway under this programme from Tezu Nallah to TCP point (Near Airport).

3 days Arunachal Handloom Fest concluded at Nago Putu Ziro

ZIRO, Oct 23: Deputy Commissioner shri Chukhu Takar awarded certificates to the participants on the occasion of Arunachal Handloom Fest.

Excellence Ethnic Food Stall Award were given to Oak Leaves Ethnics Foods Stall, Ziro, Danyi Reela Ethnic Food Stall, Ziro and High Vision Thrift & Credit Coop Society Ltd. Ziro.

In the Handloom & Handicrafts Exhibition Stall category J. J Handicrafts Exhibition Stall, Pasighat East Siang, Kemli Multipurpose Coop Society Ltd. Dollungmukh Kamle District and Ethics Bead Multipurpose Coop Society Ltd. Ziro were awarded certificates of excellence. Participation certificates along with cash incentives were also awarded to all the participants.

Smti. Hage Yasung, Chairperson, AWFED, Smti Radha Naji, Vice President, AWFED Gyati Kbing DRCS cum Managing Director and Shri Toko Katch, Chairman A.P. State Consumers Cooperative Federation Ltd. Naharlaun, Gyati Kacho, Jt. Director Industries In charge, Ziro, Hage Tatang, Jt. Director Textile n Handicrafts, Ziro, and HoDs were present in the valedictory function.

Illegal arms supply busted

PASIGHAT, Oct 24:
After receiving information from reliable source on Tuesday (Oct- 22) that some people possessing arms and ammunition were trying to sneak inside the territory of Arunachal from the neighboring State Assam, SP Rajiv Ranjan Singh instantly formed a police team led by Inspr. Abraham Taying and the movement of the suspects were constantly being monitored by the team. Yesterday when the suspects with the arms & ammunitions were trying to enter into Arunachal by Ruksin check gate

Tapang Tatak, Dy.SP, Inspr. Abraham Taying, Inspr. Tungon Tali, H/Ct.N.Bori, H/Ct. A.R Doley, Ct. Ojing Tayeng and Ct. Karken Gamlin near Ruksin-Rayang tiniali (tri-junction) launched a surprise raid and even before the suspects could retaliate they were overpowered under close supervision of SP.

According to SP, RR Singh 2(two) pistols likely to be .32 calibres with magazine having no weapon numbers, identification and make was seized from the possession of one Hiteswar Kumbang S/O Yaka Kumbang of Bahir Jonai Village, PO - PS Jonai, Dist. Dhemaji Assam.

A case vide Ruksin PS Case No. 16/2019 U/S 25(1A)/29(A)(B) has been registered and under investigation. The source of weapon and involvement of underground outfits are being thoroughly investigated.

CM met the fire accident victims of Dirang

TAWANG, Oct 25:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu today while enroute to Tawang met the fire accident victims of Dirang and handed out cash relief.

Atleast 6 shops and several houses were reduced to ashes on October 17 last at Dirang market.

Chief Minister also visited the campus of National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) at Dirang, Union MoS (Independent) for Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijiju accompa-
ned the Chief Minister. The trainees of NIMAS displayed rock-climbing on the artificial wall. Colonel Sarfaraz, Director of NIMAS made a brief presentation later about the institute's achievement.

Following the visit, Chief Minister inaugurated the Nuranang mini hydroelectric project phase II (2×500KW) executed by state Department of Hydro Power near Jang in Tawang district.

This was followed by inauguration of Eco Log Hut at Jang constructed by Tourism Department under Northeast theme of Swadesh Darshan.

Chief Minister also inaugurated the viewing gallery at Jang for majestic and full view of the Jang waterfalls also known as Nuranang waterfalls.

DCM, HM called an emergency meeting ITANAGAR, Oct 26:
In light of the prevailing communal tensions in Namsai district, Dy. Chief Minister Chowna Mein and Home Minister Bamang Felix called an emergency meeting with all concerned in the late evening of 25th October 2019. It was decided to convene a peace delegation team comprising of Health Minister Sh. Alo Libang, HMLAs Sh. Ninong Ering and Jignu Namchoom to visit Namsai and urge the people to maintain peace in the area and meet the families affected by the incident. In order to ensure communal harmony Sh. Getom Borlang, President ABK and Sh. C K Namchoom, Retd PCCF, Khampti chief were also requested to intervene in the matter. The peace delegation will conduct a meeting with them along with the district units of ABK and TKSC in order to ensure peace and tranquillity.

The District administration and Police were directed to take strict action as per law and apprehend the perpetrators of the incident in mabira Village on priority.

The Govt. Of Arunachal Pradesh has urged all stakeholders including CBOs, political Parties, student unions, youths etc. to ensure communal harmony and maintain peace and tranquillity in the area and assured strict action, as per law, against the culprits.

DCM held a joint press conference with the Minister Alo Libang and Namsai MLA, Chau Zignu Namchoom NAMSAI, Oct 26:
Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein held a joint press conference with the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Alo Libang and Namsai MLA, Chau Zignu Namchoom regarding the recent incident in Namsai district this evening. He strongly condemned the incident at Mabira Village where four houses were gutted down on Friday evening. He appealed to the people of both the community to restrained and maintains peace and tranquility in such trying times. Saying that the people of Adi and Khamti Singpho has a long history of peaceful co-existence since time immemorial and appeal to the people of both the community to not let this bond of brotherhood distorted by such incidents created by some miscreants with vested interest.

He said that he had been constantly monitoring the incident from the very beginning since the incident occurred at New Mabira Village under Tengapani Reserve Forest area on October 12 and he is in constant touch with the student and community leaders of both the community.

He informed that a peace delegation team headed by Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Shri Alo Libang and MLAs Shri Ninong Ering and Chau Zignu Namchoom had rushed to the Namsai district early this morning from Itanagar and had visited the incident sites and met the families affected by the incident. They also had a meeting with the community leaders of Adi Baane Kebang and Tai Khamti Singpho Council and the Namsai district administration.

He appealed to the Community Based Organizations of the State especially
to the members of ABK and TKSC to intervene and ensure peace and tranquility. He further asked the district administration to arrest all the culprits involve in the incident and to take action as per the law.

He also appealed to the members of Adi Student Union and All Tai Khamti Singpho Student Union to sit together and come to a peaceful solution.

He said Arunachal Pradesh is in its growing stage and we need a peaceful environment for its growth and development.

It was informed that two persons have been arrested today in related to the incident by the district police.

CM expressed grief and extended his condolences on the sad demise of veteran journalist Taro Chatung

ITANAGAR, Oct 26:
Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed grief and extended his condolences on the sad demise of veteran journalist Taro Chatung, who breathed his last at the TomoRiba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) here this morning.

“It breaks my heart to know Chatung sir is no more with us. We grew up hearing about him and watched him on ‘News & Views’ every evening through the week days on DDK Itanagar. It would be impossible to fill the void he has left behind as the omnipresent journalist,” Khandu said in a message.

The Chief Minister remembered his long acquaintance with Late Chatung and hailed him as a man of immense historical and political knowledge of the state, grounded, sincere, straightforward, honest and witty.

“What made Late Chatung sir stand out as human being was his extreme love and dedication for his chosen profession. He could go to any extent to extract the truth and present it before the public,” Khandu said.

He said Arunachal Pradesh will always be grateful to Late Taro Chatung, who despite landing up with a prestigious government job, chose media as his profession and become its pioneer in the state.

“Without thinking of monitory gains, Late Chatung sir followed his passion and became one of the firsts to direct and produce a full-length feature film in Hindi. With his ‘News & Views’ breaking all records in terms of viewership, he can be well called as the father of electronic media in Arunachal Pradesh. We owe him a lot,” Khandu said.

The Chief Minister offered prayers for eternal peace of the departed soul while extending solidarity with family members, relatives and the media fraternity of the state.

Drug Dealers Nabbed

PASIGHAT, Oct 27:
Continuing its drive against crime, East Siang Police today cracked down on organised drug trafficking by nabbing two drug dealers and recovered 100 gms brown sugar.

East Siang police is maintaining a high vigil on district borders and movement of unscrupulous elements owing to increased threat perception in view of festival of Diwali.

This morning, secret information was received that two persons are going to deliver substances suspected to be prohibited narcotic drugs. Accordingly, a team consisting of OC Rukins Insp T Tali, ASI Biren Pegu, ASI T Ngupok, HC Motilal Tayeng and HC Subhash Prasad under the supervision of DySP Token Sarung was formed to act on the tip off. Nine packets of suspected brown sugar weighing approximately 100 gms was recovered from the suspects. The market value of the products is approximately Rs 1.2 lakhs. The accused are being interrogated regarding source of drugs. East Siang Police is dedicated to eradicating drug menace. East Siang police further requests all good citizens of East Siang to come forward and provide police with reliable information regarding drug peddling.
Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein visited the fire-affected villages at Mabirah village under Chongkham Sub-Division on October 27, 2019.
Chief Minister Pema Khandu accompanied by Union MoS (Independent) for Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Nuranang mini hydro electric project phase II (2×500KW) executed by state Department of Hydro Power near Jang at Tawang district on October 25, 2019.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the 16m RCC Bridge over Yagamso stream at F sector, Itanagar in presence of local MLA Techi Kaso at Itanagar on October 14, 2019.

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) along with the First Lady of the State Smt Neelam Misra and Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge), Shri Kiren Rijiju participated in the Chindang Festival celebration at Songji Ground, Nafra, on October 14, 2019.
Arunachal Review is planning to introduce a section, called ‘Youth Section’ in this monthly magazine shortly.

‘Youth Section’ aims at promoting creative potentials of students and young generation of Arunachal Pradesh by highlighting their achievements and also giving a platform for creative development thereby aiming to promote a constructive and progressive spirit among them.

Articles concerning people and culture, welfare issues of students, short stories, poems, drawing and paintings and reports on achievement on various issues concerning the arena of youth will be received by the undersigned for inclusion in the section.

Honorarium of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) will also be given for selected matter.

Participants are requested to send their matter in both hard copy and CD or email at dipr_arun@rediffmail.com or diprarunx@gmail.com along with proper address and a brief bio-data.

Readers of the section can also write letter to the Editor on issues related to the magazine and views of common interests of the youth.